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This day was set apart for the Church to Visit the Chosen square for the first time. It had been discovered some time before, by the Inspired ones, & the Fountain, & Square traced out, as a Spot of Ground redeemed to God, & not under the Curse, Stakes were set round the Fountain & also round the square.

It is situated in what we call the East woods. Some over one half mile North East of the Village, The situation is beautiful, well Shaded, And rendered more lovely by being the Spot where our Beloved Mother Ann,— tarried, & refreshed her self when she first visited this place, when she first visited this place some years back, She then found us in a sad fix, So far asleep, that she could find no place in the hearts of the people for a time & here it was in anguish of Spirit she fell on her knees, & supplicated the God of mercy in our behalf, untill her tears were mingled with the waters of the fountain, & thus obtained mercy for the people. (But to return to the labors of the day)

We aſsembled at 8 oclock at the meeting House, & after sining a hymn, Elder John informed us of what was intended, that we should visit the Chosen Square, [illegible] & desired that we would shake off all bondage, & be free, & that all the visionists should also be free to speak what ever our Heavenly parents should desire &c Elder Brother stated, that Mother had informed him this morning, that she was glad that we were going to the Chosen square, which was taken for granted that we had liberty to go, — We formed in the street, The Ministry & Elders in the front, the singers next & then the aged, the youth & Children following in the rear. Our course lay through the fields and pastures, nearly on a direct line, Several songs were sung, as we marched on, without halting but once, untill we reached the Chosen Square, at the gate of which we halted & were informed that Mother Lucy Ea Betsey, & a large Company of Holy angels, were present, & had brought baskets of Heavenly Manna, & bottles of sensetive wine, & set them by the Fountain, for all to partake of & be refreshed, & sense the Goodness of God.

A word was then delivered from our Heavenly Father, by a Holy Angel, in relation to what was required of all who entered that Holy place, that Holiness to the Lord, & the salomn fear of God be there upon all, & that a small pool of about 4 feet square was placed on each side of the Gate, & all might go there & kneel & bathe & wash before they entered the square

This being done, We marched up & surrounded the pool or fountain, We then formed & marched round the inside of the entire Square & sung a beautiful march that was given when the place was first discovered & then we again assembled at the fountain, When the Holy redeeming Angel gave a very Solomn warning from our Heavenly Father to all the Instruments who had been Called to speak for their Mother, that they should be faithful to deliver the words that were given them, without fear, that they should not be bound by any power that was not of God, but to feel at full liberty, in union with their Ministry & Elders to deliver all the words that should be

put in their mouths, with boldness & confiden
for the edification of all, for should they
not, it would be only mockery, therefore the
were Exhorted to be Corragious & not fear &
God would protect bless & strengthen them.
But should they refuse, they would be rejected, & banished from his presence

Those words were witnessed to by 3 or 4.
others, who heard the same words spoken
by the angel, & the angel added further,
as Councel to all the people, to keep the
gospel & stand firm, & not be ashamed of
our Mother or her gifts or work but be
able to bear witness of them before the
lost Children of this world.

The angels then Sounded on their trumpets &
Sounded Holy freedom to all the faithful, which
was gathered, Elder John then proposed that we should partake of the manna & the wine, the robe
of love & Simple freedom was then paced on
the right shoulder of each one to take & [illegible]
We then partook, of the manna & the wine,
& also drank of the waters of the fountain &
while we were bathing, we were told of four

bright angels who were guarding the fountain, & they requested us to blow on our trumpets, & be intirely free. Father William & Mother Ann was present and Mother spake & said— Be free my dear Children, you are welcom to the waters of the Fountain, when I first visited my Children in this place, I could find no entrence, & here I kneeled down, & prayed to your Heavenly Father, Yea I poured out floods of tears to the Almighty God, that I might find a place in your hearts, & my tears were mingled with the waters of this fountain & here I refreshed my self, Therefore give thanks to God, & bow low, we kneeled down and bowed our heads, & bid all bondag & unbelief to depart,

Mothers love was then given, & she spake to us on the subject of thankfulness for the blessings we had recieved at her hand & inquired if it could be posable that any would be asshamed to confess, own & bless their Beloved Mother, before one an other or before the wicked world, after all she had done for them, would any feel unthankful to their tender Mother for her love & kindneſs, & all the rich bleſsings she had bestowed on them; for would they not rather, love praise, & bleſs their beloved Mother on all occasions, & thank her too, for what she had done, & not be asshamed to own their loving Mother, at all times, & speak in her praise without fear.

Father David & Mother Ruth, then came forward, & Father said that he thanked & praised the God of heaven in our behalf, for what he had done for us, he bowed in thankfulneſs & we all united, we then bowed in thankfulneſs to our beloved parents for their tender Care & regard for our wellfare, our spirits were filled to overflowing for the notice & bleſsing of our Heavenly parents, for they came & placed Crowns of Glory on all our heads, & our beloved Ministry were authorised to go around, & pronounce those words,— „May love reverence, & the holy fear of God rest on this little few,„—

The Holy Saviour & Bleſsed Mother Ann poured out love & freedom, & desired ~~of~~ to hear all of us testify & speak our faith in Short, & our determination to keep the way of God, The Holy prophets also came Laden with the good things of God, for us to feast on, & Mother placed a bright Circle around all her Children with her name Engraven on it, that we might wear through time & Eternity & it should grow Brighter, & Brighter, if we were faithful, we then went forth in the labour, & the mighty power of God was felt by all the people, & great freedom was manifested, Our souls were refreshed with the love & goodness of God, & all felt ready to speak their feelings & faith. we sat down on the grass in ranks, & commenced to give vent to our feelings, by telling how much we loved the gospel & our beloved parents, & that we would be Obedient in all things & keep their sacred words &c when through Elder John proposed to have ten minits release, so we withdrew for that length of time & took our rest.—

The Trumpets were Sounded, & we gathered to the fountain, when we were Informed that two long Tables were set, one for the Brethren

& one for the Sisters, filled with the precious fruits of Heaven, for all to partake & be refreshed, The Tree of peace was noticed, full of fruit, & the Holy Saviour called on the young men to go & gether of the fruit, & give to the rest, while singing a Solomn song, the young Men went and gethered of the fruit, & distributed unto all.

Also the Tree of Innocence was spoken of as in full bearing, it had been Barren, & bore no fruit since the fall of Adam, untill the present despensation, but now it was to be seen full of fruit on its branches, there were Gifts of Comfort for us at this time. & we were exhorted to lay hold of them while they were in our reach, for the time would come whe we would not have them within our reach, The Tree of Victory, under which Mother sat when she prayed & wept for us, was seen full of fruit also, & we were requested to gether freely of its fruits & while gethering Mother said, O my Children, Is there one here that will ever deny me, or turn there back upon me, Is there one here that will be assamed to own me there loving Mother befor one an other or before the wicked world, the appeal was felt by all present.

The Holy Saviour & blessed Mother then spake to all under 18 years of age, & exhorted them to obedience, to be honest & free to their care takers, & open their minds, & tell all their troubles, for their weaknesses were all known & they should be born with, & blessed, & they would always feel thankful through time & Eternity, if they would take the council then given, & their blessing should rest upon them,

Mother Ann brought a Robe & clothed all the Brethren & Sisters, she put it on with her own hands, while we kneeled to receive it. We then had a gift of love & freedom, in giving & recieving love from each other, & sponging each other with Holy water,

An Holy angel came forward with a Robe of strength & encouragement for our beloved Ministry — The Angel who guarded the tree of liberty, came & presented us with two Cages of Doves, & gave them to the Ministry with liberty for them to open the Cage & let each catch a dove. — We gathered of the fruits & flowers of paradice from the Brink of the fountain, & then prepared for the feast, we aſsembled round the table & kneeled down, & then feasted on Heavenly fruit, all eat untill satisfied, When we gethered back to the fountain, the Heavens became overcast with Clouds, & Elder John thought it might be prudent to returne home, so we formed & marched Home, having been absent about five hours.

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Augus 24th 44.

This Evening we were bleſsed in a very extraordinary manner, with the gifts of love & freedom, all felt the influence of the Heavenly Spirits, that attended with us, & many Testefied to the same, some begged for help of the Elders Brethren & Sisters, while others asked for help to keep what they felt at the time, The Elders exhorted all to step in while the waters were troubled, one witneſs followed an other, that Mother Ruth was present, & had brought bleſsings in abundance from our heavenly parents, a rich store of love, strength, & consolation, The prophit Micha came forward, & said that mercy was yit in the reach of all, & desired that all would step forward, & partake of the goodness of God, they need not stand one minit to consider but step in, & it was no matter what kind of a name they formerly had, or what had been said about them, or what they had done before, for all should be forgotten, only step forward now, & take hold, & all would be well

Many such words of incouragement was spoken, & many firm resolves were uttered by both Brethren & sisters, to hate the flesh & keep the way of God, Many testified that they loved & thanked, Blessed Mother, for what she had done for them, & they intended to shew by their deportment, that they were Mothers little Children indeed, they seemed all to be blessed & to bless one another, they called on our young Sister, Marietty Agnue late from Whitewater & blessed her, & made her welcom to her home they called out such as could not labor & & blessed them &c & last of all they received a little Ticket from the Holy Saviour with there words on it — "Watch & pray without ceasing, for you know not the danger you are in,, & the meeting closed

Church Meeting August 25th

This day we were blessed with the company of the pleasent Hill Ministry, and after recieving the love from pleasent Hill Elder Brother exhorted all to be free, & labor for the Gifts of God, to Shake off all Bandage we Shook well & went forth in the March Soon we were to informed that Mother was present, & had brought each a glass of wine & desired we would drink & drive away all bondage, for the gifts & power of God was free for us [illegible] if we would labour for it, this Increased our zeal, & we were informed, that a number of Holy angels, & our heavenly parents were present, & had brought the love of God our Heavenly Father, & of Holy Mother wisdom, to incourage & strengthen us, this we recieved on our knees, & they desired that we would gather & lay up for the time of need, for it would not be long untill we should see so great a display of the mighty power of God, that we would be astonished— Therefore gather Children gather—

We gathered each to our own side of the House & Father Josephs Class were called forward to recieve the love of the same Class at pleasant Hill, Delivered by Brother Amos,— Eldress Betsey then came forward with a present for the Pleasant Hill Ministry of a branch from the tree of love for each one of them, with a Dove sitting on it, & the Dove had the love of our Heavenly Father, & Holy Mother wisdom to refresh them, which they recieved thankfully, & by request devided with us all, we were then informed that the good patraarch Noah was present, & wished to recieve the love of Father Josephs Class, that he might bestow it on the ancients or Aged they gave freely, & the Aged recieved it thankfully

The Holy redeeming angel gave information that he was here, & desired to speak, having obtained liberty, He said. I am an Holy angel of God, & have existed before the world was created & that his office had been in every dispensation of God to man, to minister to the people of God, & that he had come at this time from the throne of God our Heavenly Father, to Speak to the young at this place the words of our Heavenly Father, to all who had a privelage in this blessed gospel, in this great day, they must remember that the worship of God was beautiful Solomn & heavenly, & they must be particular to learn it Correctly, just as it was given, that the manner termed the Sacred or Holy Order, must be learned with that perfection that all could unite in it Correctly, as also the shuffing & Marching, For God could be worshiped in that manner to his acceptance, & it was beautiful & lovely, & he wished all to be alive & zealous in the worship of God, & remember that they were seen, & would be judged of according to the zeal & life they manifested in the worship of God, but should any think to get a long in a careleſs & indefferent manner their pretended worship would be mockery. & & if they felt determined to break their bands & labor for the gifts of God, & power over a wicked nature, they would shew it by their actions, But should they sleep on & care nothing about learning to worship God aright according to what had been laid out, they would sleep on untill they sleep the sleep of death, he then informed them that our Heavenly Father would visit this place & know & prove every soul, therefore he desired all to be awake & learn to worship God correctly & they would be bleſsed in it, & other witnesses testified that they had heard the same words spoken, & exhorted all to take hold & gain the gift, for there was no time to loose Elder John confirmed the words of the Angel & preſsed the matter on, for all to find an increase in that thing, especialy the young

we then had a gift to drink of the holy waters, & to spunge each other off, & after a Number of short meſseges of love came one & another, we were dismissed ——

Church Meeting Sept 1st 44.

This day we were blessed with the presence of our beloved Mother Ann, She brought the love of our Heavenly Father & Holy Mother Wisdom, It was stated that there Love, & blessing was showering down upon us, & we were invited to gether freely—

The angel of power gave a warning to us all, to be in readiness to meet what was coming, for not many days hence we should have to pass through a trying scean, for our Heavenly Father would visit all in this place, & awfull would be the situation of those that were unprepared, Many witnesses confermed the words spoken, & some added, that heavy Sufferings, & tribulation awaited us but we need not fear, if we kept the laws & orders of our Mothers House, we should stand unshaken and should be strengthened & supported under all circumstances even if our lives should be called for.

Mother Ann then called the pleasant Hill Ministry to recieve the love of God our Heavenly Father & Holy Mother Wisdom together with ther love & blessing, & said O my Beloved, the anointed, whome I have Chosen to protect my little flock at pleasent Hill be strong, for I will be with you & assist you in all trying scenes you may have to pass through, for you have heavy trials to pass through, for the people of God have to suffer, they are the poor suffering people of God, therefore they have to suffer, for in every age and dispensation from the begining Gods people have been a suffering people & always will be,-& heavey & deep sufferings are before you, so be ye firm & immoveable as the rock of ages, strengthen & support those under your care, & my love & blessing shall be upon you, & when trials & tribulation roles on, then remember I am with you to help & strengthen you — for the day is coming when you will be visited by your Eternal Father, & many shall tremble with fear, — then Comfort ye them, & help them along, & I your beloved Mother will be your strength & support while you are passing through time, & when your work is done I will recieve you, & crown you with Glory, so be faithful firme & stedfast, & do your duty— Mother then said she had brought a bright shining Robe to put upon each of them, to cloth them with her love & power, & She set crowns on there heads, & gave them many words of comfort, She gave them a golden Chain, to incircle all their people & exhorted them to go home, & teach their people to love one another, Mother gave them fruit from the tree of victory that is standing by the fountain, from which she had just gethered some, & desired them to be incouraged, She then bestowed on them the love & bleſsing of Father William who brought two loaves of Bread, one was cut up & put in their baskets, the other was devided with all the Brethren & sisters, He also brought a flask of wine, & gave all a drink, we also recieved at the time a beautiful flag, which we held up, while eating the bread & drinking the wine, we rejoiced & praised our Heavenly parents for their boundleſs mercy & goodneſs, the prophet Ezeakiel came with the love of all the Ancient prophets & gave it to us, He informed us, that we might depend on the fulfilment of all that had been spoken, of sufferings & tribulation, but we must meet it with firmness, & we should overcome, & gain an everlasting Crown; he said they had passed through the same, & stood firm & had found Mother & were blessed, & we should be, if we would be faithful to go through, he gave us their love, & we gave them our love & thanks, & sent our love to Mothers Children at Pleasant Hill, & the Meeting Closed

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Evening Meeting September 1st 44.

This evening the singers from the different families met, & sung many new songs & hymns, & at the close the power of God came on the people in a very extraordinary maner It far exceeded any thing of the kind we ever witnessed, so great, & so powerful was the evidence of devine power, & such the manifestation of the gifts of God, that a full discription is intirely out of my power, I must be content to say that the heavens appeared to be opend & the goodness of God, was felt, & his power displayed among his Children, to the great joy & astonishment of all, Our beloved Mother Ann attended by the Heavenly Hosts was present, & all united in bestowing love blessing, & many rich & valuable presents

The young were incouraged to keep the gospel & be faithful, The Middle aged were Clothed with beautiful Robes, of Mothers own prepareing, & exhorted to stand as pillars in the work of God, The Aged were blessed for what they had done, in standing firm to keep the gospel from the begining, & informed that their reward was sure when they had finished their work, they would be recieved into glory &c

The pleasant Hill Ministry was present & recieved a full share of the Heavenly notice No one was passed by, all felt the Heavenly influence, & many testimonies, & firme resolutions were given to be faithful & indure all things for the gospels sake, to keep the laws & orders of our Blessed Mothers House, to love honor & obey the anointed, & walk the path self denial in low Humility & such testimonies were given in abundence by both Brethren & sisters, & we have no doubt they come from hearts sincear, The Meeting continued for some time, so that all was filled with joy & wonder at what God was doing, & about to do on this Earth, & when we retired, we returned our feble thanks to the giver of all good, for his boundless mercy & goodness to us, & craved a continuence of his mercy & blessing &c—

Church Meeting September 8th— 44.

This day we were informed that a number of French prophets were at the door, & wished to come in, liberty being granted, they Entered & stated that they had lived before Mothers day & had prophesied of her, & since they had left the body, they had found Mother, & found a relation to the gospel, & that, to day they had the privelage of assembling with her Children on the Earth— The prophet Isaih, then Came forward, & stated that he had come with a beautiful present for all who were willing to recieve it, That it was a path of peace, & it was strewed with flowers & Set with Green Grass, that it was wide Enough for eight to walk abreast & all that chose to recieve one, must feel obligated to walk in it the coming week, & they should feel blessed, but remember that they speak no thing that would hurt or wound the feelings of a Brother or Sister, in the time, for if they did they would be out of the path, &c

He then said, I am a proffet of the Lord & I prophesied of this day when on Earth, & I spake of Mother, & I knew what I was saying, but not one Soul among all that lived under stood what I said, & I am sent at this time from the throne of your Eternal Father to prophesy to you of what will shortly take place & it will as certainly take place, as those have that I spake of while on Earth in relation to the day you now live in, God will purify his people, he will not leave a stone unturned for he will shortly visit you, & try all spirits & nothing shall be left to hurt or annoy throughout his zion, that peace & quietness shall reign in all your borders, & this, I the proft Isaack am sent to tell you,

He then stated, that he had a band for each one of Father Joseph's Class, & as the band was written, Holiness to the Lord, I will come up to the help of the lord in spite of all opposing Elements, — this he put around them, he then ministered a warning to all to be prepared to meet there God, by lowliness & humility, that he would yet appear in the Holy sanctuary, & we should hear his voice, & was we all prepared to stand as naked Spirits before him, many he said was prepared to recieve his blessing, But was it the case with all? was there not some that was not prepared to stand as naked spirits before our Eternal Father? O prepare prepare.

The prophet then brought forth some flagons of wine, & desired all to drink but not to mingle it with poison, but drink & be strong, for we had to pass through great tribulation in this place that the wicked would compass us about [illegible] force themselves upon us, & most of us would live to see it that some of the aged or ancients would be called home to thier M Mother to recieve the reward of faithfulness But the young [illegible] middle aged would live to see those days of sufferings, & trials, & they must gether while it was hearvest & lay up a store, that they might be able to bear testimony of the gospel without fear & stand as pillars in the Church, & keep the gospel, as the Aged had done for them, they must not be ashamed of their Mother for if they was, she would be ashamed of them. — The prophet also stated, that the present state of every Individual was register & would be presented before the throne of God, & the situation of all were individually known. He also desired that all over 30 would kneel down, & pray for the young, that the mercy of God might be extended to them that they might prosper in the work of God, for the prayrs of the rightious availeth much, we all kneeled down & prayed for the rising generation that God would bless & protect them from Evil , , —

Church Meeting Sept, 14 47

This day was remarkable for a feeling of thankfulness from the begining of the Meeting Elder Brother commenced by bestowing love on the brethren & sisters, & love & thankfulness seemd to predominate throughout the meeting was attended by many of the Heavenly Host and many messages of love were given & received, lov from Mother Ann, & Mother Lucy, love from Father Joseph & Father David, & a company of our old friends, many rich presents were received &c

The two Brethren from White water received a message from our Heavenly Father, for their people warning them to be prepared for his visit to that place The aged over 60 received a staff to lean on in the decline of life, all between 60 & 30 received a beautiful chain to go around the waist, with their Mothers name [illegible]graven on it to strengthen & help them to be useful, and stand firm in Mothers work, a robe of love was given to Father Josephs Class, &c fruits were recived such as peaches & plumbs, & for all which we returned thanks on our knees, & felt encoraged to persevere in the blessed Gospel &c —

Sabath Evening Sept. 14 44.

This evening the power of God was very great much exercise, & many meſsages delivered, & some of them very lengthy, the two Brethren from White Water Allen Agnue & Philander Banister were present, & recieved a full share of the heavenly Notices for themselves & for the people where they lived, Eldreſs Betsy was present, & stated that she knew us all, & she was certain that all might be prepared yet for the visit of our Heavenly Father, & recieve his bleſsing, ~~She~~ intreated of all to be alive, & in the work, to put away all hardneſs & all that was wrong, to keep the fear of God in all that we did, we were told that all this Consecrated ground belonged to God, & he required all to walk saflly & keep his holy fear where ever we went on this Consecrated ground, for it was redeemed to God, & we must not forgit those requirements but keep them in mind untill his visit,

Many testimonies were given by the young people, & promises to be faithful, & many presents recieved, A Solomn warning given in a meſsage for white water, for them to be prepared, by confession & humiliation, to bow to the order of Gods appointment, that they might recieve the blessing of God, that many angels would be sent there to search & help them in the work, that those angels had their residence in an arch that was just finished, it resembled a half circle & extended from East to west over the village, & had the collors of the rain bow, in this Circle the angels would be stationed, & would help & guard them from evil &c Also that many angels were here that we might call on in time of trouble & they would assist us, much incouragement to persevere in the good work, for all which we kneeled down & gave thanks & bowed four times ~~to~~ God the giver of all good, & the meeting Closed —

Church Meeting Sept 22,, 47

This day Brother Andrew read a meſsage from our Heavenly Father, stating the grounds of acceptance, on which he would receive & bleſs the honest souls that should obey the present call, & should any outstand their day, what the result would be, We were directed that at the close of the days of purification, to lay aside all hand labor, & retire to our & keep the solomn fear of God, to make no noise in our rooms & not speak above our breath in the Halls, but devote our time to prayr, & meditation, & that one oclock we might aſsemble at the Holy Sanctuary, where our heavenly Father would sit in judgment, but no inspired one, would be able to announce his name or presence on that day, but after that every soul should be made sensible of his presence, & their state decided, &c. Other meſsages were delivered in in the course of the meeting, which stated that our Heavenly Father was not pleased, with all, for all had not yit prepared themselves for his coming — But yet ther was mercy, & strong intreaties from the Heavenly Host, for all to be in the work of preparation by putting away evil, & coming down into obedience to the order of God.

The Good Apostle John gave a lengthey warning to those who felt to prove the matter to the end, & see what God would do, He informed them, that should they presist in tempting the Almighty, they would find when it was to late, the certain reality of all that had been given, & that such souls would forever forfiet the mercy of God, & would be left to feel the just rewards of their own doings that they would be walking monuments of the judgments of God, & would wander up & down on the Earth untill the flesh would consume on their bones, & finaly enter Eternity, there to recieve their merrited damnation, That our Heavenly Father was boundless in mercy the lost Children of men & that it was not agreable to his will that any should perish, & if any should, it would be their own doings, & not his, for those that slighted this day of light, & all the mercy that had been extended to them, they must suffer the Consequence, He then informed us that the angel of conviction & mercy had come to stay with us the rest of the time, & help to prepare us for that Solemn Interview when we should appear before the judge of all the Earth, & he desired we would recieve his love & bleſsing, which would abide with us forever &c ——

Church Meeting Sept 29,, 44

This day Elder John read the 3d & last role from God our Heavenly Father relating to his Visitation among us, that the days of mercy would expire on the 2nd of October & that should any stand out untill then they would feel the curse of a mercyful God, For their rebelion & be utterly shut out of his kingdom.

That on the 2nd day of October we should aſsemble as had been directed, but let none come that was not prepared, for the lord Jehovah would sit in judgment, & his recording Angel would mark all that would be present, & record their state.

That on the 3rd day, let no Idle word be spoken throughout the whole day, while ingaged at our daily vocations, but keep the solomn fear of God, & that on the morning of the 4th we should rise at 4 in the morning, & at 5 oclock, go into our place of worship, & as we entered in, two Brethren & two sisters should bow 4 times, & then kneel down & pray for the mercy of God, we then might sing a solomn hymn or Anthem, in praise to our heavenly parents, then if the Ministry or Elders felt to speak any they could have liberty, &c then to retire to our rooms, & at 6 oclock his visitation would commence in the first Order, going from room to room, untill the whole Church had heard his word. &c And all should be sensible that he was there of a truth, & let none fear that had kept his laws, & had labored to be prepared for his coming, for they should be bless with his approbation, which would be a consolation to them through time & through Eternity. ———

October 4th The Visitation

The days having been kept according to previous instruction, at least as far as we were able, we arose on the morning of the 4th at 4 oclock, & attended meeting & at 8 oclock the visitation commenced & from that time untill evening the House was as still as on the Sabath, Every Individual was noticed by our Heavenly Father in the course of the day, & each recieved according to what they had gained, all appeared to be thankful & satisfied, & the Gospel felt more precious & lovely, & a feeling to perseVere with zeal in the good work of Selfdenial prevailed, more power & energy of spirit, against the flesh, together with a resolution to keep good order, & love & union is increasing among the people,

Therefore we pray that the good work may go on & prosper, untill we are just such a people as God intends we shall be a pure & holy people, intirely redeemed from the fall, & perfecting Holyness in the fear of God.

October 5th This Evening while in meeting the Spirit of prophesi was given, & many things spoken of that was about to take place, & among the rest, that a little cloud would arise in the west, whose appearence should be very small in the begining but it should riseup & overspread the [illegible] Horizin & that every heart would grow faint, & that every knee would become feble, Also that in the South was seen a great Dragon, & he was doing terible things, so that blood & fire followed in his train, & much tribulation, & in the East was seen large bodies of Troops, Marching in battle array towards the west, & altho many of them were cut off, & distroyed, yet a vast body of them reached their place, & sore tribulation would be the lot of the Church, but a promise of protection was given to all the faithful who would stand firm to their post

Those warnings were given, & we knew not how soon some or any of them might be fulfiled, for had we have known that within the space of two days, we should receive a stroke that would darken the whole Horizin and cause every heart to faint in the Church we should have been crying to our Heavenly Father to spare us yet for a little season & not have taken from us one we so much loved, a useful brother, a promising Elder, in the prime of life, as was the case on the morning of the 7th of October, Brother Andrew Houston fell from the Eve of the New House & & only survived the fall about 7 hours when he left this world, & all in it behind & took his flight to a better contry.

This truly, tho a little cloud, has darkned the whole Horizon, & cast gloom over all, However we have been told that his work was done, & he was called home by his heavenly parents, therefore we must be reconciled to the will of God, So we submit & are willing to acknowledg that we are poor short sighted Mortals, & are wholy dependent on that power that sustains us, for life health, & the blessings of the Gospel—

But little have been recorded for several weeks of the many Heavenly Ministrations received from the Invisible hosts, to help & incourage to pirsevere in the good way of God, & bear up under our trials, we were told at one time by the prophet Daniel, that if we would walk lowly & keep the fear of God in all we did, the curse would be taken away, & removed from us & God would bleſs us in our out goings & incoming in our basket & our store, both temporl and spiritual, Many things were given by the spirit of prophesy inrelation to the near approch of the judgements of God on a wicked Generation that they should feel his displeasure, if they did not take warning & repent, that are not recorded in this book, But commenced again on the 10 of November to note some particulars, they are short & give but a faint Idea of what was delivered on the occasion, However to those that were present, it may serve to call to mind most of what took place at the time, & for that purpose this is recorded, —

November 10th 44. Church Meeting

In this meeting we received many blessings & words of Comfort from our heavenly parents. Mother Ruth & Eldress Betsy were present & gave us their love & blessing, & Brother Andr.. also helped on with a loving Ministration.

The angel of judgement being present spok thus. I am commissioned, & sent from from the Throne of My almighty Father, to go through the land, & lay the heavy hand of judgement & Justice on all flesh, & I shall be sustained & supported by that power, that created all things, He said his hand of Judgment was already over the land, & we should see & hear of his doings, for he would not spare but would fulfill his mission, & none could stay his hand, & his judgements would fall on those that dwell on the Earth they would be swept of by thousands, that whould not repent, & should feel distress & misery, & his hand of judgement should be seen on every green thing that grew out of the Earth, for judgement was determined, but mercy was offered, & his hand was also over this.

place, & we were told that we would not escape or be spared if Iniquity was found among us. We were then asked if we did not know that our dependence was on our heavenly Father, & on our Heavenly Parents, & on our visible Lead, the Ministry & Elders, & on our Brethren and Sisters, for all the good we recieved &c and if we expected to escape the judgements of God, we must keep law & walk humbly, & keep the fear of God in all that we did, & keep the laws of our Mothers House. We were then informed that 7. Prophesighing Angels were present, & desired that those who were called in the gift of inspiration, should atten & deliver what they had for them,— They then informed us that a light had broken out in the far West, & they were commisioned to do a work among the people to prepare them for reciving the Gospel, & that wonderful things would take place to convict & convince, & to humble, they should be such evedences that none could dispute, that already a fire was kindled, & was seen runing on the Ground, & by such like demonstrations of power, all should be compelled to acknowledg that the work was of God

A beautiful Mountain white & pure, with a Fountain issuing from it, was seen in the far West, & on the Mountain wer stationed the herrolds of the Gospel sounding on their Trumpets, & they requested that we should unite with them, & sound our trumpets to the four quaters of the Earth, & on this beautiful Mountain many Angels were collected, who darted into every quarter of the Earth, to arouse & awaken souls. The scene was discribed as very beautiful. but on turning to veiw the North & the South the Scene changed, & awful horror & distress was depicted in every quarter, which filled the spirit of the one who beheld it with tribulation.

Those things were witnessed to by other Inspired ones who beheld the same things.

In the Evening of November 10th. after singing meeting, there was much exercise, & the power of God was great among the people. The spirit of prophesy was again given, & much was spoken of what should take place at some futer day, & among other things spoken it was stated, that, persecution, tribulation, & sufferings awaited this people, that God would not leave his work purification while a spirit remained that would not submit, & bow to his order, & feel their dependence on it.

An angel then came forth with a new covenant of the everlasting Gospel, & desired each Individual who were willing to renew their covenant to Subscribe their names, to it & then hand it back to him, & this should stand as a renewal of their covenant between them & the Lord God their Heavenly Father.

This was done, & a strong testimony born by some of the young people to keep the way of God to the laying down of their lives; A meſsage was then delivered for the people of water Vleat, by the Angel of power, stating that they should be visited by our Heavenly Father, & they were exhorted to be prepared by putting away all Evel, & gethering close to their Elders, that the angel of power would be there, & search, & see who was for God, & who not & he would bestow his love blessing & strength on all that would be honest, & prepare their Souls to meet their God — But those that were not prepared when he come would be moved out of the way, for no stumbling blocks should be left in the zion of his likeness on Earth, & the work of purging would not ceace untill all was clensed. —

Father William gave us some Councel & informed us that perilous times awaited us when all should be proved, whether our dependence was on our visible lead, the order of God, or not, A few words from Mother, to lay up a store for the time of need & save every crumb, for trying times were a head, & we should need all we could gether. Eldress Betsy requested all to shake hands, & promise each other to minister nothing but peace love & good will the coming week, & the meeting closed.

November 16th This Evening we were noticed by Mother Ruth, Brother Andrew & the fourth prophesying Angel, who gave notice that he was one of the seven prophesying Angels who were commissioned to sound the everlasting gospel to the people in the far west, & that he had words to deliver that would not only apply to the world in general, but also to the Zion of God in this place, & he requested to know who would bow themselves low to hear his words, & correctly deliver the same, that his words must go forth, & be heard, & that soul who would bow low to hear & deliver his words correctly, would be blessed of God.

He called to know if any would hear & correctly record the words he had to deliver for his words had to be sounded to the Nations of the Earth, & many there was who would hear the sound of the everlasting gospel, Yea many there were that were now in sore & deep tribulation, & distress to know the way of life, & they should hear the sound of his words & seek the way of God, He said he was the fourth prophesying angel, & we must first hear, & correctly deliver his words for they were weighty & important, whether they were heeded or not; & as yet he had not found an Instrument who would deliver his words, The Instrument who was favored with this message testified that he was released from being called on at present to speak for the Angel, but gave a general invitation for any who would come low enough to hear & deliver his words, with the promise of a blessing.

The Holy Redeeming angel spake some on the same subject, by stating & confirming the words that had been spoken, he said that the mission of the seven prophecying Angels were to the Nations of the Earth nevertheless they had to begin at the Zion of God on earth, & speak many words, & he exhorted all to prepare for the great day of God Almighty, for deep & sore tribulation was in store for us, when the gospel of salvation should be sounded to the children of this world, & that God would continue to purge & purify his Zion while any thing remained that was not right. &c the Ministry & Elders manifested union the gift & words spoken, they desired it might go on, & requested the people to recieve the words & speak them freely.

December 1st 44.

This day gave evidence of the work of God increasing, by the good feelings that was manifested among the people, & much feeling was manifested by the Ministry, & Elders to strengthen & incourage all, & notice from our departed friends helped also, Father David and Mother Ruth was present to bless their Children, The meeting was very comforting throughout, near the close, Father Joseph's Class was called forward & laboured some, they broke loose into freedom, & had considerable involentary exercise, some of the youth took hold in earnest, It was a lovely sight to see the young exercised with the power of God. & feel in earnest for to gain something for them selves, It was great consolation to the aged, as it gave a hope that they would take hold for them selves to serve God they were helped also from the spiritual world, by a number of the same class who gave them many words of comfort & incouragement, together with love and blessing &c It was at this meeting that Elder John read a prophecy taken from one of the 76 plates, relating to the awful judgments of God that were about to come on the Earth, in which the Sun should be darkned, & the moon would not give her light, the stars also would refuse to aluminate the Night, that all vegetation & every green thing would be dried up, that both Man & beast should wander up & down in the dark in quest of food & find none & perrish in the search, that the Earth should open her mouth in many places and swallow up her enhabitants, Towns and Cities would go down, for the earth would be greatly convulsed, Ships on the Sea would be left without a guide for the Compass should fail them, & they should wander about untill they went to the bottom, Frightful sights would be seen & alarming Sounds Heard in the land Tornadoes & Huricains would sweep through the Earth, Waters would set back in many places, & overflow the Earth &c &c All those things would take place, that Man should know that God ruled in the Earth among the Children of Men, & that they should fear his name, & bow before him —

Such & simular prophesys is delivered from time to time in this place, to let us know that we have no time to sleep, But to be up & adoing, & keep our lamps trimed & burning, for we know not at what day or hour those things may begin to take place, & that we be prepared to meet the trying day, Also a great ingethering is promised, & with it, sore & deep tribulation to the Church, together with heavy persecution, which requires all to be awake & alive, to be prepared to meet the trying day for it surely will come & will not tarry —

December 25 44

The Gift of Humiliation hath been of late offered to as the only profitable step that we could take in the increasing work of God, Mother informed that we could travel no further without an increase of Humiliation, brokeness of Spirit & Godly sorrow & repentance for sin, that we must Come down & humble our selves to each other, & ask forgiveness for all offences, In this gift our Elders took the lead both by precept and example, they got on their knees & went round with tears flowing from their eyes, asking forgiveness, & begging the love, & blessing of the members, many others followed the example, & in a feeling manner begged the forgiveness of each other for all past offences, & desired the prayers of their brethren & sisters to help them to keep the way of God, they felt desirious to be in the gift, & was determined to come down, & gain the spirit of humility, most of the older Brethren & sisters took hold, so that before the meeting Closed, quite a feeling was produced, & this being the gift, our meeting to day was in acordance; when the Church met the gift was ministred in full, by reading the Meſsage from Holy Mother to that effect, & the people took hold; & when liberty was given, many feeling appeals were made by both Brethren & Sisters to be forgiven to be for given wherein they might have wounded the feelings of any, & they would do better for time to come, & be more watchful, that they would labour for the gift of humiliation & repentance, &c

Much of our time was spent on our knees & many words of exhortation were given by our Elders, to labour for the spirit of thankfulneſs to God for what had been done, in opening the way of life & salvation to a lost world & of which we were the partakers, for without thankfulneſs we could not gain the gift of humiliation or be able to come down where God would own us &c Mother Lucy attended our meeting, & exhorted all to labour to love & bleſs each other, & that we should not feel satisfyed without gaining the living gift of God as an abiding substance in the soul, for it would enable us to indure tribulation and sufferings, & then we could bleſs each other

The good appostle Sabin helped us to the waters of repentance that we might wash & bathe and feel incouraged to persevere, he gave us also some of the fruits of repentance for the same purpose, & last of all a Number of sheepherds came to rejoice with us for the blessings of the gospel, we united with them & leaped & rejoiced, & gave thanks, then the meeting closed, & we had liberty to attend the other dutys of the day, December 29th 44.

This day we had a communication read from Father William, brought by Brother Andrew it was a word of comfort & incouragement to all Mothers Children,, to stir up their zeal in the good work of God, Brother Andrew Spake some to us also, he desired us to labour for a spirit of thankfulness, fore the blessings of the Gospel, & treasure up the gifts of God, for they were the only abiding Substance that would indure when time was no more, he spake of his own experience in past days, & what he now injoyed as the fruits of his labours, & said, could we sense it as it realy was, we would lose no time without improveing it in labouring for the beautiful gifts of God, & gaining an everlasting treasure.

We recieved the love of Father William & Brother Andrew, for which we felt thankful Father James brought love from our Heavenly parents, and we were told that Father William & Father James had come with the love of our Heavenly Father & loaded with bleſsings from the Eternal Throne They said, He called them & a number of angels & bid them go to his beloved on Earth & minister of his richest bleſsings give also to them the spirit of Inspiration yea give to all who would recieve, that they might be able to sound his gospel to a lost world, Our beloved Mother gave to each a beautiful Dove, to strengthen & help them gain the simple gifts of God these should stay with us, & minister to us the lovely gifts of God, But the gift of Inſpiration in particular was for all who desired it

Mother Lucy brought a Book which contained a word, for each of her children, & it was put into the hands of the Ministry, & would be read by mortal power, when they thought best that each individual might recieve a word of encouragement from her.

Brother Andrew came forward with a valuable present for all under age the youth & Children; It was a beautiful

Sword with two edges, to help them to cut away all evil, & with it he gave an noble exortation, requesting them to treasure up the gospel, to be careful to honor & respect those who were older, & by no means to speak against them, nor to make light of the gifts of God, for s'd he If you could sense the reality of Etearnal things as I do, you would be very careful how you spent you time, & it will not be long untill you will know for your selves, — He told them what he had gained by the cross & selfdenial, & the respect that he had always felt for the aged, & that when he was striped of his mortal body, he found a treasure layed up for him that was of more value to him than Mountains of Gold, & they would find it so also, if they would be careful to keep this councel, he said he had felt a care & burden for them, when he was with them, & he yit felt for them & it hurt his feelings to see any of them set light by their privelage a speak lightly of the gifts of God, &c

He gave them his love & blessing for which they kneeled down & bowed in token of thanks, James Smith spake to them in relation to the struggles & temptations that Brother Andrew had to pass through while a youth to keep himself from sin, or being overcome with evil, it was so greate at times that he feared Andrew would loose his senses, but he did not neither was he overcome by the tempter but kept him self, he spake this he said, to incourage the youth, that when under temptation, they need not think that no one had ever been so sorely tempted as they, for Andrew had been & he wished them to follow his foot steps &c

December 8th 44. Church meeting

This day we recieved love from all the differerent Societies in the west except North Union; & being thus refreshed, our zeal was renewed & the heavens were opened upon us, with many rich blessings, of love & goodness. Father David & Mother Ruth attended, & gave us their love & blessing, & Spake words of incouragement also, they said, the love of God was flowing upon us in Streemes, &c Brother Andrew came with a blessing for all the young, & ministered much good— One of the Inspired ones asked liberty to disclose what appeared in view, & it being granted, it was stated that a bright Cloud was seen over the place, as bright as brightness, & that on the Cloud were thousands of Spirits with Swords in their hands, all equipt for war, that they had cut away the darkness that was below them, & were ready to help us to come into liberty, that they also would guard & protect us from evil—

That the Holy Saviour was on this Cloud of brightness, & that he had

Testified that we should be strictly guarded & protected, untill the Judgments of God had passed by, He gave us his love & blessing, whi we recieved on our knees, The Angel who brought the box on last Sabbath, Now came forward with a beautiful Chain to incircle us all, & as he placed it round, He desired that we would be careful & not break any of the links, by giving way to Evil &c—

Elder John then gave notice, that when at the East last Spring, He was informed that after our Heavenly Fathers visit, the Angels would assemble here & give us songs & anthems in abundence, & now they had come, (for we had just before been informed of their arival) & he hoped that all would be diligent to gather what ever was given, The Company of Angels desired to unite with us, & kneel down & pray for the protection Mercy & blessing of God, in which we all united,

Father David requested us to bow four times in thankfulness to God for his blessings at this time, We then received the love of Eldress Betsy & Brother Andrew, & had our Cups filled with wine &

January 5th 1845.

We have now commenced on another year with a harte filed with gratitude to God for the unnumbered Gifts and blessings of the past Year, & thanks to our Heavenly Parents for their unwearied care & attention to us poor helpless Creatures, & our earnest desires for a continuence of their love & notice, with a feeling as far as in us lays, to be in every increase & lay hold of every gift of God, that may be offered to us, that we may be purified and prepared to enter that rest that is prepared for Mothers Children — Brother Andrew informed us that we had all witnessed the events of 44 but look out for 45; & thus the First Church Meeting Commenced —

The blessings of Heaven Continue to flow to the Church, & no blessing is withheld that will do us good, Gifts & presents are bestowed without number, Father Joseph gave a robe of simple freedom, that all might feel free to exercise in the gifts & worship of God, Elizabeth Wait brought, a gun for Elder Brother, & a wind bellows for the

Sisters, the Brethren had liberty to fire the Gun, & the Sisters to blow up the fire,
We recieved the love of Elder John, brought by the Patriarch Noah, The Tree of paradice was seen, full of fruit & leaves, bending to the Earth, & the Heavens were resounding with the praise of God, by the Heavenly harpers, they were harping on their harps & praising the God of heaven & Earth— Father James told us that he had been with us the past week, & had passed through our rooms & shops, & had noticed all our words & actions, & how we had treated each other, & he had seen some things among us that was not right, we were partial, for one, & against an other- we wanted slight some & speak hard things about them, & treat them roughly, this was a great evil & must be put away, & we must labor for love one towards an other, He asked how we thought we would love to hear all that we had said & done the past week read over, for said he it is all recorded, yea a record was kept of every word, & would be presented to Mother, & it was a grief

to him to see those things, & he desired we would put them away & quit them forever, we need not strive to shew our great light, but strive to shew how much we could love each other, & condecend one to an other, for if we we did not we would fall behind, & would never go where the faithful are gathered, but we would be devoured by the wolves that are prowling around the fold, Why he asked, will ye not follow the footsteps of those that are gone before you— Did you not know (s'd he) that God was a just God, & that he would do us all justice, It was not for us to look after lacks & failings in others, we had nothing to do with them, but to treat all as it becomes the gospel, treat all with the spirit of kindness while they were held in relation by the Elders, yea treat all with respect when ever you meet, & put a way your partiality

Mother gave each a ring to wear on the midle finger of the right hand, these rings were rings of love, & they would enable us to keep a loveing kind spirit, & help us to love one an other

Father James brought Shealds of protection & gave to the Elders, & we had the privelage of going to them & asking for a sheald, if we desired to be protected from those evils & would recieve them in faith, We were then given a flag of great beauty to hold up when we come into the Sanctuary & thus the meeting Closed——

Church Meeting Janua 19 45—

The Church was this day blessed with the presence of Elderess Betsy who came with a store of love strength & freedom for the young people, She requested them to break their bands & be free souls in the worship of God, She looked pleasent, & appeared to feel as much for us now as when she was with us, Brother Andrew was present & wished us to know that a host of good Spirits were present, willing to help and bless all that was willing to recieve help. Two guardain angels brought love to us from Elder John, & also love from the guardain angels at the holy Mounts, They also brought lighted candles in their hands to give us light to see our path, the light was bright & shining, It was the light of the Alpha & Omega, therefore we were called on to gether plentiful of this light, that our way might become clear, for it would prepare us to come into the increase, that Elder John had for us when he came home, for he was coming filled with the living power of God, & there was a great increase for us if we would take hold of it, & we were desired to be in a state of preparation to take hold of it, The Ancients, & those who had labored for us, it was stated, felt anxious that we should not let it pass by, but take hold of the increase— It was also stated that the heavenly hosts were decending with the quickning power of God. They were now on the wing, & had great power to Minister to all far beyond any thing ever seen yet, many fervent prayrs were put up by the people to be partakers of that power, To be strengthened & supported, that they might stand & keep the gospel, & all were exhorted

to bow low; for if we come into the In
crease, It would help us to bow low to the
feet of those, we now thought to be our
Inferiours, & those words were confirmed
by other Inspired ones, who had heared th
same spoken— Elder John was seen with
his face set for home, by a Telescope tha
was handed to the Instrument, & he was
guarded by Eleven Holy Angels, who had
went with him, & had protected him in all
cases, & would come with him home—
The Angel had taken some of the fruit
out of his basket, which he had gathered
at the Holy Mount, & brought it to us
that we might have a little foretast
of what he had with him, that we might
be the more willing to receive what he had
for us when he come, for he was clothed
with the power of God—

We were then told of seven Holy
plates that were taken from off the
Cross, & which contained matters of
prophecy that were to be given to the
Inspired ones to read, by the Holy

prophecying Angle, & we should hear them read. The Elders manifested a desire to have all the help they could git, & in token of our thankfulness we kneeled down & bowed four times, & recieved the love of the Holy Angels, & also the love of Eldress Betsy which she delivered as she walked up & down the Alley, soon after the Meeting Closed—

Church Meeting Jan, 12 45

The blessings of Heaven was bestowd on the people this day very bountifully much feeling & sensation was manifested by a number, who testified that they felt the Influence of the Heavenly Spirits, and a spirit of thanksgiving flowed freely

The Angel of the Most High, who stands as the head in this place, informed us of his lot & office, & gave the Inspired ones a view of the path we had to travil It was interspersed with dark spots which they were informed would be Tribulation with nothing to cheer our spirits, but we would have to pass through them & be proved, But there were light ones also, where the gifts & blessings of God would be realized to comfort & cheer the soul, Therefore he exhorted as the day that was now passing by that the gifts & blessings of God were given in abundance, we should gather freely & lay up a treasure for time to come, when we would not have it in our power to possess them, If we were wise we would lay up a good store, of the gifts of God, for the day was coming that we would need all the help we could git, A large company of the Heavenly Hosts come to help & srengthen the ministration, & Mother Ruth united with them in laboring to inforce the feeling, to gather & lay up of the precious gifts of God while it was in our power & Their kind & pressing intreaties & anxious feelings for us to be prepared, leave no room for us to doubt of the certainty of such a day Close at hand, O to be prepared

A Ministration from Our Heavenly Parents

Mother Lucy attended this meeting, & gave us the love of Mother Ann, & love strength and power from the Heavens & were exhorted to gether close to our protection, Father David & Mother Ruth was present, & Father exhorted all the young men to be strong, & gether of the strength that was flowing round, for it would enable them to shut out Evil—

A Cup of the fear of God, was placed on our heads & we had liberty to take a sup, Elder Brother desired us to sup out of the cup every morning for the week to come while we were on our knees—

The Angel of love came, & bestowed streams of the love of our Heavenly parents upon us which we received on our knees, He stated that the protection of God was all around us & that it was but a small space between us & the rolling judgments of God, that we were now injoying the blessings of heaven, peace & comfort, but the space between us, & the awful judgments, that were about to take place on the Earth was small, & there was to by another Inspired one, who confirmed all that was said, & added this question — did we feel worthy to be thus Noticed? For this Angel of love, who was right from the Throne of God, had never Inhabited Mortal flesh —

The Inspired one saw the wings of Jehovah Stretched over us, & exhorted all to lay low & have a humble lowly feeling, for our Heavenly parents all loved us, & we were desired to love one another, as they loved us To speak nothing that would wound or hurt a brother or Sisters feelings,

We sent our love by Elder John to the East by kneeling & bowing three times, & Bro Andrew, & a number of our departed friends was present, & sent their love & thanks also for they now realized the blessings of their labors & they knew how to be thankfull Andrew gave his love & blessing to Elder John, & to all the Brethren & Sisters

Elder John requested the Church to observe the following order for the purpos of shutting out evil — That what ever conversation we had with appostates or the world, that we might chance to meet, to open the same to our Elders & to none else first of all, & receive counsel &c —

He also read a letter from South Union stating that a Black man had been wrought upon by the power of God, & had a gift to go to Elkton, a small town in Tennessee & declare to them that the time of their distruction was nigh at hand, that the present government was full of contention & strife, & that God was about to disannul it, & establish universal emansipation & that he was sent to declare these things by the authority of the God of Israel He spake with fluency, & dared them to touch him, his name is Steephen —

In the Evening there was much exercize & some strong ministrations, the Inspired ones felt much oppress'd with the weight of what they saw & felt & heard, for the fourth prophesying angel was present & gave a solomn Charge to the rulars of the Church to be prepared, for the judgements of God would not long delay, the time was nearly up that the time was nearly up, when God would begin to pour out his Indignation on the wicked, & should any be found unprepared in this place, they would have to feel the his displeasure, one prayed fervently for to God the Creator of all things, for power & strength to stand, & to Holy Mother for help, she exhorted all to come down & be humble & low, she Intreated all to come down & walk lowly, & be prepared for the great day that was approaching, when God would visit the Earth by his mighty & awful judgments, that Zion must be clean The ministration was solemn & powerful & was confirmed by other witnesses that heard the words spoken by the angel, also the Angel of power was present & confirmed all that had been said, he told us he had been sent by our Heavenly Father to confirme the Testimony for it would surely all come to pass — &c &c

Holy Mothers Visit Jan 26- 45

This day we recieved a visit from our beloved Mother Ann, Elder John having returned from his visit to the East, he attended meeting with us to day & delivered a very beautiful present from Mother that he received at the Holy Mount, & Mother also attended to assist in giving them out

It consisted in the first place, of a cage of pretty white Birds for the singers, which would learn them new songs, & Secondly to those who had a gift to Speak, a good ministration to strengthen, & incourage one an other, Thirdly, To those who could minister Simplicity, A large stock of simplicity to Minister. Fourthly, To those that exercized in Simple freedom, a greate store of Simple freedom, & lastly, to those that felt destitute of any of those Gifts she gave a double portion of her love & blessing, Those presents were distributed by Elder John, & at the same time Blessed Mother was going round helping us to feel & sense them — It was truly a time of Joy &

comfort, Eldress Betsy desired all to lay hold
& improve the privelage we now had, while we
were blessed with the presence of our beloved Moth
Ann; Father David & Mother Ruth exhorted to the
same, that we should strive to remember these
blessed words of comfort that had been given.

The angelic Spirits ministered many heaven
ly gifts, one played on a musical Instrum
while we all danced, Joy & comfort flowed
round, & thanks to Mother from many tongues.

At the close Elder John read a message
given at the East, for all Mothers Childre
in the west, to labor for the spirit of repen
tance, that the Angel of repentance would be
present & attend to all who sincerely prayed
for the gift, & would help them, For without
repentance we could not be saved, & all
such as did not find repentance, would wither
up & drop off, we received the love of the
Ministry in the East, with their request, that
we should strive to gain the gift of repen
tance, that in so doing we would be blessed
& also the love of those ministring spirits
that communicated the Gift to us, —

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February 2nd 1145.

A message from the angel Gabriel —

The Angel came with a large company of the heavenly hosts, & bestowed his love & blessing on all present, & informed them that he was replenished with the gifts of repentance to bestow on all that would recieve, & if any wished to know how to gain it, he would tell them — that they must put away a high sense, & not judge the gifts of the visible lead, but walk in true humility & strict obedience, for a high sense & a spirit of repentance could not dwell together, But by putting away a high self exalted sense we might gain the spirit of repentance & not other wise

We were then called on to sound on our Trumpets, & invite in others who wished to enter, & a large portion of love & blessing was given to Father Joseph Clap. by the Angel, to bestow on the aged, who had stood as pillars in the house of God through the days of darkness that are past, he gave a very feeling declaration of his being a witness of their sufferings & tribulations in those times that tried mens souls, He gave to Each a robe of the love & fear of God that would cause them to speak smile, & not hurt or wound the feelings of any —

And also to Father Joseph Closs a seal of freedom, & simplicity, to enable them to declare their faith with boldness & freedom at all times without fear & to be thankful for their privilage in the blessed Gospel of Mother —

The Move

The Vacancy occasioned by Brott Andrew Death continued from the 7 of October, 44, untill the 5 of February 45 when a general move took place in the Church & Gethering Order, which was as follows The Elder Brother Stephe was released, & Ely Hauston took his pla Amos Parkhurst came from the gethering order to live with Ely, & James McNem & Shamer took his place, Seven Valentin & Sandford Russel Elders at the Nort Charles Hampton came to the Office

& of the sisters E, Ann, Amanda & Elizebeth Tarr came to the Center, Ruth Brown & Lavinah Rollins Moved to the gathering order as Elder sisters, these with a few minor moves closed the day, & thus all vacant places are filled, & all are ready for an increase & to move forward having our loins girt with strength, & our ranks all filled, & we fear not the Enemy —

February 16th 45.

We we were this day Intertaind by a communication read by Elder John, given by Inspiration at New Lebanon, informing us of the Causes & reasons why the gift of Inspiration had been chiefly confined to the young people, & not to the aged, the reasons were given at length, but may be summed up in a few words, that they stood in the gratest need of a manifestation from the heavens, to convict confirm & establish their faith, & purge out infidelity, & also that the young would have been likely to recieve the testimony from the aged However faithful they might have been but would have treated it as superstition & not according to sound reason, & good sense— These reasons were satisfactory to all, & a promis of the continuence of the gift of Inspiration in the Church was receiv with greate thankfulneſs by the people—

When laboring commenced, we were informed that Father James & a large company of the Heavenly host was present to help & bless all the Children of Zion in this place, Mother Lucy was also present & bestowed love on all without measure, Our Blessed Saviour came with a gift of repentance & desired that we would bow our souls low & he would bestow the precious gift of repentance on all who would recieve it, we kneeled down & desired to have our vessels fill

We were told to bow low in spirit & be willing to recieve instruction from our visible lead, & he would bless us at all times while we were in obedience to the visible order,—

We were noticed by Holy Mother & others of our heavenly parents. Father David presented all Father Josephs Class with a Sword to cut away bondage, that they might be free souls to worship God, & they were blessed other ways; one drop of Mothers Love was placed on the heads of all to help us to love one another with the same love that they loved us. for all which we kneeled down & gave thanks &c ——

February 23 1845.—

Elder John this day finised reading the mesage that was delivered by the prophet Elijah, relating to the gift of Inspiration, which was very satisfactory to all present. The people were then blessd with the presence of our Heavenly parents & recieved many good & precious gifts,

Our Blessed Saviour with a large company the Heavenly Host being present, bestowed love & blessing on all, which felt very comforting. Father James & Father Joseph exhorted all to lay hold & gether plentefully of love & strength, for there was an abundance, enough for all.

Mother Ann gave us her love, & said hear ye my words, I have at this time a stream of love & Charity, & everlasting kindness flowing through this Sanctuary, that all may partake, yea all may wash & bath in this living stream, & be strengthened ~~to~~ in all those virtues & heavenly graces, & that we might freely partake, for the stream would be supplied & kept full, & that it would help us to take a fresh start for an increase, & gain the spirit of repentance, so take freely for it flows from the fountain head—

Eldress Betsy gave us her love & blessing & desired us to step forward, while the waters were troubled, for there was enough for all, she said she loved us, & felt the same anxiety for our wellfare that she did when living with us, & she wanted us all to breakforth into life & liberty.

Mother gave to each a ring to wear on the fore finger that should continue with them while in time, & liberty to use our swords to cut away bondage. In obedience to those little gifts the people went forth, & life & power was the result, & before the meeting closed we were informed of certain changes that were to take place the coming week. (vis) that Brother Jessy would come out of the Ministry & Brother peter Boyd would take his place, & other moves of less consequine take place also—

All which goes to confirm the Idea that the Camp is preparing to move forward, & go up & possess the land, On the 24 of this month it will be forty years since the witnesses of God first sounded the gospel Trumpet in this land, & undertook to lead the people out of Egypt, & they have followed the track of the Children of Isreal to the lette for refusing to go up, & posses the land, they have had to camp in the wilderness untill the time of forty years had expired, & now we see all is life, & motion, The Trumpets are sounding to collect the forces & none but volunteers will be accepted, New Officers are appointed, & such too as are capable of induring hardships, & are not affraid to face the Enemy. The Hosts are marshaling, & companys are drilling, & learning the art of war, all heavy luggage is to be left behind, & Idols rejected & move forward, as a united band, & the cananites will fall before them, for Lord of hosts will go before them, & will deliver their enemies in to their hand— Already we hear the Shout of a King in the Camp, & the Standard is raised with this inscription, Obedience, to my Teachers & the Colors are flying, that all may understand that by low humility and simplicity the victory will be gained therefore Let us blow on the Rams Horns—

March 2nd 1845.

We were blessed last evening with many extraordinary & precious gifts of God, & exhorted by our heavenly parentes to labor for the gift of repentance, for a low & humble feeling for a feeling of reconciliation to the gifts & order of God, & not to suffer ourselves to to speak one word against &c

The aged, or all above 40 recieved Sparkling Crowns from the hand of our beloved Mother & was placed on their heads by her own hand through the beloved Ministry, which was recieved with was recieved with Thankfulness by all, Such & simelar gifts of the Spirit were givin through the Meeting.

But in the Meeting to day, we were visited a lare comany of the Heavenly Hosts, & the Heavens came verry nigh to us, 12 thousand Holy angels were sent to forme an Arch from North to South over this place, to protect the people from the Influence of evil, they had their habitation in the arch, which had a bright appearence, but changed to the colors of the rainbow, & at some futer period we should know why all this was so

An Angel presented us with a beautiful bright & shining path that shined like silver & as Streight as straitness, it shined like silver, It was a path of peace, that all might walk in who chose, to take a one & set their feet in them, Also a Branch of the Tree of peace, full of Fruit, & we might gether of the same, to help us walk in the path of peace.

There were many sweet & heavenly ministrations given through different Individuals, all intended to strengthen, & help us to keep the way of God, & incourage us to persevere.

And among the rest, the prophesying ang attended, & gave a lengthy discourse in relation to what was about to take place, & of things past & present, He spoke thus, behold I see passing before me, a large company, they are all dressed in compleat armor from head to feet, they are compleatly acquipt for battle I beheld, & they passed on & were crowned by the almighty God, for their faithfulness & perseverance, than I beheld & lo an other company passed before me, clad as the others in full armor from head to foot, those had been armed for the battle, but they had been wounded sorely in the conflict, they were covered with blood, & were sorely wounded, in the battle, Yet they also passed on & behold they also recieved crowns of everlasting glory, at the hands of the almighty, in that they had fought the good fight & had not grounded their armes, or turned their back on the enemy. & stood their ground through the whole conflict. But behold I saw another a third company, who passed by & went on out of sight, they appeard awful in the extreem, & when enquiry was made concerning them, The answer was, that is not for you to know at this time, but by looking stedfastly for sometime, nothing could be seen but smoke & stench, This said the angel is given for a sign, & part had yit to be fulfilled, & all were warned to be prepared for the battle, for a great & bloody Battle had yit to be fought, & all must be ready for the day nigh at hand, but no honest soul need to fear, for they would not be suffered to fall or stumble if they would walk lowly & keep the fear of God—

A light was then seen, as it were from Heaven, & had the appearence of fire, but at length assumed the appearence of the rainbow but was soon followed with, awful darkness too horrable to look at,— Spirits came in abundance, some were seen rising out of the earth & coming forward to seek the mercy of God, they had been awakened by the sound of the Last Trumpet, they begged of us our love & blessing which they recieved with great thankfulness, — We then had a lengthy communication on the spirit of repentance such repentance as would answer the mind of our Heavenly Father, It was given by Eldress Betsy, to all who were willing to recieve it, That we must walk in perfect obedience to our visible lead, & feel as pliable as a leaf in the wind, & feel a forgiving spirit toward each other, & labor for union in spirit, to be bound together by the chords of love, & keep our own order strictly, & tell nothing out of order to other families, & then God would bless with a meek & lowly spirit, & we would be in the increase

The gift of repentance was thus discribed, that God would bestow it on all souls according to his mind & pleasure, that he was a God of Mercy & forbearence, that he sent rain & fruitful seasons on on all, the just & the unjust, But it did not rain on all at one & the same time, but in one place now & then in an other, so that in the course of the season all would be blefsd, & so it would be in this case, one would recieve the the gift of repentance, & then an other, & in the End all would recieve it, for in this the love of God consisted, It was Impartia love to all his creatures, & we were exhorted to so love one an other acording to that manner of love, & be willing to forgive, that we might be forgiven, for God would own us on no other Sprinciple But a principal of justice. —

A Vision March 3rd 1845.

A communication was read this evening in the forme of a vision, in which this place was seen surrounded as it were by a large fountain of water, the waters rose up like walls all around us, & roled like the waves of the sea, & we were informed that by those waters, the people would be purified & clensed, that God would clense & purify every one that remaind on the ground, that they should be a holy people prepared to do his will,

A mighty Angel was then seen standing in the midst of Heaven, crying with a loud voice, to the reapers to come forth for the Harvest of the Earth was ripe ready for the Sickle, Emmediately at the call of the Angel, came forth three-score reapers with bright & sharp sickles, they commenced reeping, & reap a number of Sheaves of wheat & the angel bound them into bundles, & the whole Earth appeared white ready for the harvest, These Sheaves were then conveyed to this place to be thrashed

& behold a Thrashing floor in this place was seen, it was raised about three feet high, & was as transparent as Glass, & smooth & hard as the Rock of Ages, Here the thrashing commenced, & the seperating the Chaff from the wheat would be effected, The same was discribed as just about to commence, & appeared wonderful.

The people were called on to be prepared for the Great Harvest of the Earth, for it was already ripe for the Sickle, & the reaping would soon commence, therefore it stood all in hand to walk strait, to come down into the low vally & walk humbly before God & prepare for the event, for it would surely come to pass. &c ——

March 16th 1845.

This day our Beloved Mother Ann attended meeting, & gave love & strength to all her children, She brought a Vessel filled with the precious gifts of God, which she gave to the Ministry to deal out to the people, & among the rest was the gifts of he fear of God, which would lead to repentance & a godly sorrow for sin— A Holy Spirit decended from the Heavens with a peace of clean white paper in his hand, on which he intended to record the feelings, & doings of each Individual, for the coming weak, & he would present the same before the Throne of God, &c A company of Spirits came & asked admittance, who had found their relation to the work of God, they desired to unite with us in the worship of God & was admitted.

We then had the privelage of attending to the Yearly sacrafice on thursday the 20 of March, & our Ministry requested we would do it in the gift & bear of God, & in the Spirit, the instructions relating to the matter were read that all might be senseble of what what was required, & be prepared for the same - That we might walk the Narrow path for a time after that day.

In the we were visited by some of our old Indians friends, who seemed to take great comfort by being once more previlaged to meet with the Shiney Whites, Our old friends Philip & Black foot was present & one Squaw; Philip had he said removed & was libing up above, that he had left the bad Indians, & was doing well, Black foot said he had been learning to be good & was much better man than he was when here before, he was loth to go away, he felt so good & —

Yearly Sacrafice March 20th 184

This day we rose at 4 aclock, & at 5:
we went in to our place of worship, & as
we entered we bowed once, sung a hymn &
kneeled, & after breakfast, which was bread
& water we commenced opening our minds
which was preformed on this wise, to kneel
down before our Elders, & bow three times
& ask for the privelage of being hard, whic
being granted we rose up & took a seat &
told the matter as it was, when through
we kneeled down & returned thanks, &

But the day has to be spent within
doors no hand labor preformed that can
be dispensed with, & Nothing eat but
Bread & Nothing drank but water, But
that may be eat or drank, hot or cold
as best suits the tast, on the next mor
ning we rise at 4 & at 5 attend an
other meeting, & returne thanks to God
the giver of all good for the blessed gos
pel & for our privelage in it, & then
go to our duty &c

The Narrow paths March 23rd 1845.

This day we had the narrow paths presented to walk in for a time, they were in possesion of the Elders, & were given out in the following Order, All over fifteen & under sixty placed themselves in rows facing the East in the meeting House, & kneeling down they bowed four times with their faces to the floor, the Elders then gave them the path which each one placed before them & rose up & set their feet in them & steped forward, after all had recieved them they walked them together for some time.

But the Order of walking them each day is this, The Individual must kneel & bow four times to the floor, then rise & walk the path setting one foot right before the other, for ten minits & all this while examining the Book of conscience, & at the end of ten minits kneel down in prayer to God, when the gift is through, the paths are to be roled up, & presented to the Elders, to be used when need required—

March, 30 1845

We were visited this day by Brother Andrew, together with a number of our departed friends who came to bless, & incourag us, Brother Andrew was commissioned to help us to the gifts of God, He exorted all to stand fast, & take hold of the gift of victory that was now presented, for it was a gift that we would be thankful for in a comin day, when Tribulation, & Sorrow should come upon us, Then we would be thankful & joyful to Stand in victory over all evil, & the day was not far distant when to stand in victor would cause great joy & Thanksgiving—

An Angel decended from the Beautiful Arch that was over us, bearing a Basket, of Summer fruit, that he said in justice belonged to this place, but which he said he could not leave it here, But must be taken to the far West, which should be taken for a token or sign, that the Israel of God in this place should cry in deep tribulation, for great Sufferings should come upon them, The Trump of the gospel should be sounded, & Saints that were in darkness should hear & flock to this place to find the mercy of God. But those that would not come down, in this place, but outstood their day, should fall off, & give place to those that came, & they should enter in & be partakers of the good

So all were warned to be prepared to meet the comming day.

The precious fruits of repentance were brought & presented to us, & this question was asked. Who was willing wait Gods time to recieve the spirit of repentance? & then recieve it gladly, those that did, should have joy & gladness, & thanksgiving, Yea they should have a great reward: for the spirit of repentance all should have that should cause them to feel humble & low, but they must wait Gods time, & not murmur.

The Tree of victory, (it was stated) had been planted by the order of the Angel, & he requested that it should be nourished by the tears of repentance that it might grow & flourish &c ———

The Ancients had a promise given them at this time, that those days of sorrow & sufferings, should not come in their time, but they should have comfort in the evening of life, & their Sun should set without Clouds. &c a Basket of the fruits of Comfort was presented to all over 55 for them to partake & be comforted, which was thankfully recieved—

All under 55 had a Sword presented to them to cut away bondage & be free souls, they were told of a Hosts of Evil Spirits that were hovering round, striving to gain admittance & to hinder their travel in the gospel, & they were exhorted to be on their guard, they were also promised a jewell of sparkling value, if they would bridle their tongues for any length of time the leads would thank be & not talk over half as much as they had been in the habbit of, but labor for mortification, yea Diamonds of Great value should be given them. The leads set the time to one week, &c —

many heavenly gifts were given to help & incourage all to stand fast in the gospel Elder John gave a blessed ministeration of love at the close, & asked for the love & blessing of the people in a feeling manner, & the meeting closed, &c

Sabath 13th April 1845

This morning we returned to the Elders our narrow paths, & received the gift of kneeling five minits on each day in prayr to God, Which was ministered to us on the 9th instant, In a communication Sent by our Heavenly Father relating to the Spirit of repentance & humiliation (viz) That we must bow to the order of God, & humble ourselves to each other in the fear of God; that without a humble & broken Spirit, we could not find the mercy of God, & that in order to gain that Spirit, it was required that all over 16 years of age should prostrate themselves for five minites in each day, & cry to God for a broken Spirit, & Father James would attend with the waters of repentance to minister to all who should be honestly desiring the Same. —— ——

At Church Meeting, the gift of repentance was urged as the only means whereby we could hope to be saved, a communication was read from our Heavenly Father & holy Mother wisdom, exhorting us to labor earnestly for the gift of repentance & humiliation, for it must be gained or our travel was at an end, It was considered the weighty call we had ever had, & more depended on its being gained & the worst of consequences would follow, should it be neglected, Father William & Father Ira attended in sore tribulation for us, & exhorted us to pray without ceasing to gain the gift that was now offered to us, they begged, & intreated of us to bow our souls in low humiliation & labor untill we gained the gift, the Angel of Repentance will attend, & bestow a sieizure of the spirit on all that are honest & desire it, the meeting was Solemn, & many spake their feelings & desired to be in the gift, We all bowed in reverence to

our heavenly parents, & desired their help
to gain the fulness of what was for us—

Elder John then adressed the people, he spoke
of evils existing in the body, an evil influence
that was doing harm, & would be the cause of the
ruin of those who indulged in it, unless it was
put away. A spirit of judging & fault finding
judging of the gifts of God, speaking lightly of
the arangments of our eastern parents &c
he said it was wrong, & no quarters should be
shown to that spirit, but must be rejected
by all good believers, that such as gave way
to speak & act in such a manner, would
fall under darkness, & loose the life of the
gospel out of the soul, & finaly die & drop
off. So that an end would surely come to
that thing sooner or later, & no mistake.—
for the fire of God would burn them out
& purge the place of such spirits He spoke
in great mildness & charity, but quite
plain, & to the point. for which we
thank God & take courage—

April 20 1845

Last Evening a Stranger attended Meeting, we could not assertain his nam or his tribe, He said he was old, full 70 & that he had been here 25 years ago, he might have been Captain John who stop here on his return from washington. He was humble & Simple, begged for love, He tels us that the Indians are ingaged in laboring for the spirit of humilation, & Striving to be good, His visit was quite agreable, we received his sack of green corn, & filld it with love & good feeling fo him to take to his friends, After being invited to return, He retired.

The Fulfillment of Prophes

For some weaks back the papers are bringing Intelegence of disasters, loses & troubles, in every part of the Country.

No less than 20 fires have been reporte & Some of them of Great magnitude, Towns & Cities almost consumed, Whole districts & forests burnt over, fire running for miles on th

Ground, & consuming every dry thing, & that is not all, disasters by water also, & many lives lost, whole districts of China hath been Innundated, & Milions are said to be left homeless, With Fire, Wind & with Water, God is carring on his Controversy with Man,

And altho many are convinced that the hand of God is in it, yit they repent not of their doings, Many Milions of property hath been distroyed in America, & many lives lost, & yit the Judgments of God are abroad in the Land, will mankind not learn to fear the God of heaven, & obey his voice, untill they are sweept from the Earth by his roling judgments,

April 20—45' Church Meeting

This day the Church was bleſsed with the presense of the Holy Saviour, & recieved his love & bleſsing, Brother Andrew also was present, & many other ministering Spirits, A large company of Mixed Spirits were also admitted, who came for Strength & love. A Bright Angel attended, & Spake on this wise.

Bow low, O ye Children of Zion, for great is the Call of your Heavenly Parents to you at this time, to have a Substance, a store of Strength, to feed poor hungry Souls who will yet Call upon you to hear the gospel Trump both Visible & Invisible, & Should you have nothing to feed them on, Great will be your accountability. The preſs is exceedingly great at this time, for the Zion of God in this pl to bow low, & step forward into the Increase, to feel more given up to do the will of God. & be devoted in all things.

Yea the preſs is great at this time.

Those words were witneſsed to by others present who saw & heard the words of the Angel & they also desired us all to gether while those bleſsings flowed so bountifully for the would come when we would need all those gifts & blessings to comfort & strengthen us &c

The Angel further asked. Did we not know that all Souls that ever was saved, would have to pass through those darke places in which they would be ready to cry out as Jesus did „My God, My God„ why hast thou forsaken me„ We had sufferings to pass through, & now was the time to lay up a store of the gifts & blessings of God to feed the hungry Souls that would call for help. We must impart to the poor & needy, for they would come, & they must be helpt the poor & needy must receive a blessing at our hands, for God would bless them. &c

Many such gifts & Ministrations were given & much anxiety manifested by the people to gether a store of those blessings untill the attention was arrested by the appearance of one of the Natives who had found admittance & stated to us in a low humble manner, the state of himself & people, he appeared solomn & grave, & very thank ful for all the favours he recieved, he was well Supplied with love & blessings, for which he returned thanks & the meeting Clos

April 27 Church Mating

This day Elder John read a communication from our Heavenly Father, brought by the Angel Vicalon, in which all the Honest Hearted were promised the blessed Spirit of repentance, & lowlyness of heart, In due time But we were desired to keep a wake, & watch against the Enemy. That many from the Eternal world were pressing for a priveelage to attende our meetings, to pick up, & partake of the crumbs of gifts & blessings, that were bestow on us so bountifully. Our heavenly Father sent a seal to be placed on the forehead of each of his Children, & the angel that brought them, Gave us his love by three low bows, & a mild shout between each bow.

Our Trumpets were then Sounded, & the blessings of Heaven began to flow, The Holy Saviour presented each with a bright Sword to enable them to cut loos from all bondage & bear testemony to the Truth, for a testimony would yit have to be borne in this place &c.

The Olive branch of peace was also distributed with the Cup of the waters of repentance & Godly Sarrow for sin.

We were then Informed, that the angel of power would go through our dwellings, & record all our words & actions, & we must keep a wake, & keep the gift of God, & labor to gain the Gift that was for us at this time.

The Angels of God were seen sweeping through the Earth to fulfill the mind of God, & accomplish his will in relation to Mankind.

Mother Lucy sent us a cup of Consolation & the Holy Saviour gave to each a cross to wear on the breast, Such, and simelar gifts & blessings came from our Heavenly parents & were recieved by our good Ministry & distributed, & they exhorted all to be deligently ingaged & given up to do the will of God in all things & labor to gain the gift that was for us.

Elder John stated that he considered the gift that was offered to us to be of great importance, & therefore would require greater exertions to gain it, for he believed that when it was gained, & had its effect, that God would fill the world with sore distre beyound any thing that ever had been before & that if we failed to gain the gift, we would have to suffer also with them, therefore it stood us in hand to be up & doing & be more watchful & prayrful & walk circumspectly every day &c.

In the Evening we were visited by som Indians who were very noisey & would not tell their Names, they stated that they were Believers, & had told the Lord, One of them retired & an Icelander took his place, of a very different Charecter, by the Name of Tarlong Shettanea, He could Speak good English, but Spake moderate, He said he had been Learned to talk by Father Elijah & was sent here to git a blessing, for there was an abundance here, he Spak in the highest termes of the place & the people He said he had been taught to call it, the Most Holy Habitation of God on Earth that the people were Holy, & were blessed of God in a wonderful manner, & he felt very comfortable when here, that he had been here before about a year ago, but could not be understood yet he felt comforted with what he had recieved that their were six others three men & three women & they were all far from being as comfortable as we were, & he had come to beg a crumb for himself & people, & had brought a vessel & set it down to be filled, he manifested a low meek spirit full of gratetude, & after his vessel was filld & he sang a song of thanksgiving, he retired to keep his people.

But not so the Other Indian, He stayed till after meeting, & continued to be noisey, he thought he would not git to come again & he would take all the comfort he could, & continued to act out the Indian untill quite late before he left.

At Midnight or about Eleven the Visionists were called up by Mother Ann and Father William & Father James, & required to watch with them one hour, they awoke the Elders, & they watched together from Eleven to twelve, & experienced the most heavenly sensations, Mother stated that she & company should pass & repass through our dwellings & observe all our doings for the coming week

May 4th 45.

Elder John read a Message from Holy Mother Wisdom, in relation to the Spirit of repentance, sent by the hand of Eldress Betsy, She stated that a Rock was placed in the Scantuary, a Rock of Blessings & also a rock of faith, in the Ally under the East Window, & that at the request of the Ministry, the Angel would smite the Rock, & the waters of repentance would flow to all of her Children.

Many Interesting communications were given through the Visionists from our Heavenly parents that was to the point, We could all all understand, that devision & disunion would lead to sepperation, & death, That we must be united in faith to follow our Visible lead, & bow low, in subjection to the anointed of God, Yea, Not to suffer a thought or a word to drop from us, against the Order of God, But labor to be reconciled to the gift of God in all things,

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June 15th 1845.

This day was read in the family a communication from Father David & Mother Ruth to those of their Children with whome they had labored while on Earth, requesting them to gether down to the visible Lead, & be free to open their feelings, & be alive in the gospel, & helpers in the work, & not to depend on what they had been taught by them, or plead any indulgences given by them, for it would all fail in the coming day & would leave them destitute of the saving power of God, they would be lifeless, souls & stumbling blocks to other Souls that were coming to take their places, That some of this sense existed & brought great sufferings on our parents who had done so much for us, &c &c ——

Sabath June 15th 1845.

We were informed almost at the commencement of this meeting that while we were on our knees, that a Holy angel was seen passing by & he spak thus, Behold, whoever of the Children of zion in this place, will order their conversation aright, & speak nothing but what is according to righteousness, they should recieve power from on high to enable them to stand when trying times should come, But to such as would not head the warning, would die & fall off, For God had decreed that the obedient Soul should be blessed, But the disobedient should be cast off for ever, ——

And further saith the Holy Angel

The disolution of the Natural Body, is not to be compared, to the second death, ye need not fear the death of the body, But fear ye the Second death, for it is the most awful, and they that have a privilage in this gospel of salvation, & loose it by disobedience & transgression & loose their day, they shall experien the second death, Remember, that the adversary of your soule is laying his plans to decieve you, & draw you off little by little untill you can quietly yeald to his insinuations & this what he laboring to accomplish, He will allure, & present the second death as a bait to draw your souls away untill you are past recovery And therefore I am sent to warn you to shun the vortex of the second death, for from it there is no deliverance   And hear ye my word Saith the Angel, He who hath power to bind & destroy, many, doth help them to add another link to the chain that binds them by causing them to neglect the counsel that has been so often given, to put their hands to work & their hearts to God, to fill up all their leisure time in some useful imployment, if it is ever so small, you should improve all your leisure time at some thing when the Deacons have nothing laid out for you, & remember you will be rewarded for it all, for ye know that the times & seasons which God has reserved in his own hands, But Childre remember your time is precious, & ye should improve it all, for if ye do not improve your time by putting your hands to work

& your hearts to God, ye cannot escape the second death, Remember that one half hour spent in Idleness will have its influence & is often sufficient for the adversary to accomplish his ends & the soul be irrecoverable lost, But the soul that will take hold of the present gift, & improve all their leasure time, by putting their hands to work & hearts to God, they will be thankful for it when time with them is no more,

The Angel then presented each one a beautiful Selone Trumpet, & also a Book which contained all the words the angel had spoken on the subject of the second death. & he desired all to renew their covenant with God, this day, & such as would, they could take the book from the chain that hung around the neck, & write the same in it, & it should stand; also that the words of the Book should be for all to read for a year to come every day if they chose.—.

Father William bore witness to the word of the angel, that no one should say that they were the words of a man; for

they were spoken by an angel of God &c
Eldress Betsey being present said she had a blessing for all, & they were at liberty to ask for what they chose, or most needed, & they should have it, if they would ask in faith, & they might labor a song & ask for what they chose in faith & they should recieve it &c

June 21 1845. Saturday Evening.

This evening we recieved a further communication from our Heavenly Father in relation to the gift of repentance & humiliation, that the gift had been offered to us, & every exertion made to have us take hold of it, yit many were asleep & did not regarde it; that his holy angels had returned to his Throne, & fell on their knees & implored his mercy for his zion on earth, & he had granted a further day of mercy, yit we were informed that zion should be purged before his judgments would be let loose on the wicked of the world, for he was a God of justice & would not let iniquity in zion go unpunished, for the place should be made cleane &c &c

The proclaming Angel, stated that the warfare was not ended, but would continue in th zion of God on Earth untill all evel was purged out, That some felt willing to have mor peaceble times, & was in hopes that the battle was about over, but they were mistaken, for God would Continue his work of burning, while any thing remained that aught to be consumed, & was contrary to his will.

We were informed of many invisible Spirits who had come to unite with us in the war against Evel, that they had to Stand as a united body to fight for their freedom as well well as those on Earth, that they had come to join our ranks, & march with us to face the enemy, & all that felt resolutly determined to go throug, & stand their ground, were Crowned b the Angel, Those invisible Spirits were such as had lived here with us, & had been in the work, & also such as had been called by the Sound of the Gospel Trumpet from the distant regions of the Earth, The had all felt desirious to unite with us, & march against the powers of evel, Even the Queen of Sheba was present we were exhorted not to think the war was ended, & that we could lay down our Armes, for it was not So, But we must be united in the cause & Stand together as a band of Brother's & shew no quarters to the Enemy. for the battle would wax hotter & hotter, & all such as were determined to indure the fire, Those Spirits desired to unite with in the conflict, to gain their freedom.

Sabath June 22 1845.

Elder John read a communication in the beginning of the meeting, From Father William. Setting forth the danger we were in, When led by our own Sense & feeling, & not by the Gift of God that we would be apt to call the little orders, Superstition, & paſs them by & not attend to them, & So git insnared by the Devil, & loose our Souls, He desired that we would ask our selves seven questions, & by that means prove our selves whether we were in the work of God. & the first was whether we denied ourselves of every Carnal Indulgence, both outward & inward & gave no place to a fleshly sense, to indulge in it, & whether we took any indulgence that were not approved of, or was rejected by our visible leads, & whether we had full faith & confidence in the visible Order, & were Obedient in all things, Whether we put our hands to work & our hearts to God, & whether we kept all the little orders of the Gospel with a scrupelous exactness &c &c

Those questions were for us to answer each one for one, & all could prove themselves by that mean whether they were in the work or not &c Father William then exhorted all to gether to thier visable lead, for God would yit meet us in a streight place, where there would be no chance to turne, & bring that upon us that many were not looking for. So gether to your visible head, for there is safty for all.

After many blessings being bestowed on us through the Meeting, We were informed by Elder John, that the Angel of the Vineyard had been Going through among us for the past week examining al our thoughts words & actions, & also the Angel of repentance, & they had requested the Ministry & Elders to labor with all as far as they could feel a duty, that they might be prepared to stand, for every Vine must be watered by the tears of repentance, in order to have it grow & florish. The Angel of power had also attended & stated that Sin & transgression would be searched out, & a closer watch keep than ever had been before in this place, so that it stood all in hand to look well to their goings, & to examine closely how the matter stood with them, for (s.d) Elder John, Those things have come to us in a way we can not doubt in the least, but after all we saw no cause of discouragement, But every faithful soul could feel incouraged that Evil would be purged out &c — — — —

June 25th 1845.

This Evening Mother Ann spake to us to this effect, Instructing us how to gain the gift of God & walk to his acceptance, we were exhorted to keep in all that we did, at our hand labor, to put our hands to work, & our hearts to God, & pray for his mercy & forbearence, to bow low to his Order, & put away all Evil, For the young to be kind to the aged, & the Aged to set a goo example of meekness, & Godlyness before the young. To be kind to each other, & strive to lessen each others burdens, &c

June 28th 1845. Prayr

This Evening Elder John read a comunication from our Heavenly Father, declaring that his judgments could not longer delay, & all was not prepared yit, But a few moments of time was yi alowed, for us to humble ourselves & seek the merc of God! the good Ministry recommended that we should all watch & pray untill 12 oclock at night & that when the clock struck the hour, we should al aſsemble in the meeting room, & kneel down & pray for the mercy of God, & that we should kneel at ever half hour in our rooms; that on the next day we should keep in fasting & prayr continualy & at every hour aſsemble altogether in the meetingro & unite together in prayr un till 6 in the evening, & the day following we should lay aside all hand labor & go to our Elders, & free our mi of every sin or transgreſsion in our knowledge, that we should keep the solomn fear of God in all this time, & cry to God for his mercy.

The evening was keept according to councel & after 12 we went to bed, & in the morning we commenced to keep the day, nothing but pure Bread & pure water did we eat throughout the day, & each according to their faith supplicated the Throne of Grace for the mercy of God, desiring to have the candles of the Lord lit up in their souls, to enable them to see the evil, & put it away, & on the next day all went to the Order, to free their minds, & if all had been honest, we have no doubt but heaven would have been open & a blessing poured out so that there would not have been room to contain it.

But not so, for on the 5th of July we were informed by Holy Mother Wisdom, That some among us were still asleep, & stupid, & knew not the situation they were in, that they were on the brink of distruction, & were not senseble of it, & that of the many evils containd in the catelogue of crimes that had to be confessed, many were spoken of, with a view to enlighten, & help all to see their state, The tender mercy & loving kindness of Holy Mother Wisdom, is most strikingly manifest in this case, & should it be treated with neglect & set at naught, Certain distruction will be the resul for the Angel of Judgement is now draing the line of Separation.

A Spirit to judge of the gifts of God and unreconciliation to his holy Order yet exists

& also an unwillingness to deny self, further then is consistant with their own wills & feelings & growing up in selfishness, &c & also the laying out of the work of God, how it ought to be done to be right, were some of the items, brought forward, as evils that now prevailed, & unless soon repented of, would soon place the soul beyond the reach of Mercy, &c Thus we have recived warn after warning, precept upon precept, & to what benifit is it all to the soul that is asleep, & so benumed, that nothing can touch their feelings, or awaken them, short of being ingulfed in misery, & dispare, O merciful God is there no way to make them sensible of their state befor it is to late, thy loveing kindness is boundless therefore we are not consumed,

Revelation &c July 6th 45.

Elder John read a revelation from God, in relation to the Creation of Man; The oregen of Ebel & the conception birth &c of our Father & Mother in the New creation, &c That ~~that~~ the principal of Evel had existed from all Eternity, in Opposition to ~~the~~ principal of Good & that principal was caled Apollyon, & by him was Lucifer seduced & fell from his standing among the happy Spirits that Surrounded the Throne of God & be came the prince of Hell, &c, That Jesus was born of a virgen, but his Conception was by the power of God, That he went through a state of sufferings & trial to prepare him for the Christ of God to enter, which took place at the time of his Babtism by John, That the Man Jesus is seperate and distinct from that anointed power which constituted him the Christ of God, as Ann Lee was seperate & distinct from that power, & Gift that constituted her the Bride or the Mother in the New creation, Those points are now settled, & will forever stand that God is not the author of Ebel nether can evel proceed from him, But Apollyon is a seperate & distinct power, the auther of all evel, & apposed to all good, & will remain so forever

July 6th This day we were further noticed by the Angel, who gave notice that the zion of God in this place should mo forward into the increase, That we might mark th day, for from this day Light should increase, & that we should see our way more clearly, tha we should see the Offensiveneſs of little evels, & disorders that had been looked over, & neglected, That zion should abound in Gifts of the Spirit, Gifts of Inspiration, &c, & from this day we should see those thi take place. That the fire of God begun to burn & it would continue to burn untill all Evel was consumed & the seperating line was alrady drawn between the good & the Evel. — For the Angel of decision had testified that this place should become a place of peace & righteousneſs, & flourish like a Garden, But all had to be weighed in the ballance, for an unalterabl decree to that effect had gone forth, So that zion should be purged, & there was prepared a cup of Tribulation, that appeared of a crimson Colour, for each one to drink, & that had to be drank first A cup of deep Tribulation.

But the day was coming when joy & Gladneſs should spring up like a well watered gar den, when there should be nothing to hurt or Oppose in all Gods Holy Mount, for all should be peace & quietness

A Tree was seen standing in the ally, loaded with fruit, & we were exhorted to gether of the fruits for they were the fruits of the tree of Charity, & we might gether, & lay up a store, for we must have Carity for each other, & Charity for poor lost Souls of the world, who were lost in sin & seeking the way of life & Salvation &c —

Also on July 15th we recieved a further communication from Mother Ann stating that they were in earnist, & the work would be accomplished that Father William was with her, & they would preform all that had been promised,

The path was shown that we had to travel for 7 years to come in which was seen three Crosses right in the path, that the Simple Hearted went streight to them & took them up Chearfully, But the high sensed, & the wise, stoped to see whether it was best to touch them, & while considering of the matter, & looking at those that went on as silly & of little sense, they turned blind & deaf and could go no further, But was lost from the way.

July 20 1845.

The Holy Saviour & Mother Ann attend by a large Company of Holy Angels, entered the holy Sanctuary, with Crowns to set on the head of all the faithful Brethren & Sisters, the Holy Saviour stated that he loved us, & he would set Crowns of Strength on our heads, for we had yit to paſs through deep & heavy tribulatio & he desired us to be couragious, & stand fast.

All were then presented with conquering palmes of God to hold in the hands, which wer said to be as precious as the due drop, therefo said the Saviour, preſs forward, for I love you & I feel sorry to see some of you that are not cleane, but have their garments spotted with Sin. The Mighty Angel of power being present, sounded aloud on his Trumpet to awaken the sleeping dead, & call souls to judgm

Also a little company of Angel Seriphs came with Harps, & Songs, to Cheer the hearts of Mothers Children, with the pretty gifts of God. & the love of the Little seriphs, were on the Harps.

An Angel from Heaven, spake & said. He O my people, the word of the lord to you at this time, is peace & consolation, It has been a day of Burning, Yea a day of seperating the the Chaff from the good grain, But I have now come filld with love, to bind up the broken hearted, for God is a God of love mercy & justice, & his judgments hath been poured out on his zion on Earth to overflowing, but he is mercyful & holds out mercy for all, Tho some have sin'd many times, & have been forgiven, & sind again, yit after all, if they will be honest, & confess their faults, they shall yit be helped, for God will stoop to notice the lowest soul, who will continue to be honest & seek for help, they shall have mercy extended to them, & they shall yit rejoice with great joy & thankfulness, becau they had been enabled to stand by the help they had received from the hand of allmighty power, for altho there is no evel in God, or fellowship with sin, Yet he is of Great mercy & compassion for poor lost Souls who will be honest, & come down to his Order & put their trust in him.

July 27 45. Church Meeting

This is a time of Harvest, & the minds are taken up in saving the fruits of the Earth. So that our meetings are heavy & dul, yit some precious gifts of God are given to help & incourage.

Elder John felt a gift for the males of Father Josephs Class, all above 12, to gather out by themselves & exercise in some simple gifts, they forme in a circle & walked to the center shook some, spake some, bowed some, & stamped some &c, they made good promisis to be faithful, & bear the cross, this was a blessed gift of mortification in which all might be benifitted, But as there was not time for the females of the same class & age, to go through on that day it was omitted untill the next Sabath, & the Meeting was closed

August 3rd 45. This day after some labouring & exercise by the whole body, The young females of Father Josephs Class was called on, & formed into a circle, & went through a simelar opperation, they came out & spake their faith, many of them with boldness & confidence, & manifested their thankfulness for the Gospel, said they would walk worthy of their pivelage, & make any sacrafice to keep their union to the work of God, &c. It was truly comforting to see & hear the good faith & resolution of so many young people to keep mothers gospel, Mother & the good spirits looked on with pleasure, & gave a basket of Gold leaves, to be distributed with those words written on the leaf. ,,O my children labor for the spirit of repentance,,.

Elder Brother requested that we would all unite for the weak to come, & not talk by one half as much as we had done the weak before & see if we did not feel more of the power of God on Satterday night, than what we had done for some time back, & it was agreed to. ——

August 9th 1845.

This Evening we recieved a Ministratio
by the Spirit of Inspiration, Given by Eldreſ
Betsy & Eldreſs Ruth, in relation a furthe
advance, & preparation, to meet the Increasi
work of God, That we had to bow low in
Humble Submission to the Holy anointed of
God, & walk inperfect Obedience, to gain tha
strength & Consolation that would enable al
to Stand in the hour of heavey Sufferings
when we could not get one ray of light
from the heavens, That all Opposition should
be put down, & nothing but peace should
reign throughout Mountzion, & all those wh
had been bleſsed with the Gift of Inspiratio
were exhorted to be awake & keep a gift, & they
should be bleſsed, That all must labor for
love one to an other, & not suffer trials to
break & mar our love to each other, for
trials would paſs away, but love would
indure for ever.

The Increase was just at hand that sh
had come to apprise us of, & we must bow
our souls & bodies low before the order

of God, & keep a humble & lowly Spirit,

She gave two baskets of love, that had the appearence of Gold, to be distributed by the Ministry to all who were willing to recive it on their knees,

Eldress Ruth gave each a Glass of the waters of repentance, & said, If it was drank in faith the effects of it would yet be seen, for it would opperate to soften & Humble the Soul.

August 10th ,45.

This day Elder John read a communication, given by the Angel of Comfort who attended Elder Archabald in his last Illness, It was stated to be his feelings in relation to the people in the west, who feel very near to him,

He gave an account of his feeling & of his death, & also when he appeared before the Holy Saviour, & Blessed Mother Ann, He there had a view of the state of all in the west which caused him some trouble of spirit, least some should miss the mark & be lost they were so crowded in darkness, But he fell on his knees & prayed for them &c

The words spoken, manifested the feelin of his Soul, the care & regard he felt for th people in the West.

The rest of the meeting was very comfortable, with manifestations of power & love, but little ministration from the good Spirits,

August 16th 1845.

The Ministry & Elders, & such as had been been called by the Spirit of Inspiration, were called on to meet at the Chosen Square,

When we drew nigh to the place a Solomn Thankful & comfortable sensation rested on all, & especialy when we entered the squ We felt that we were entering on to holy Ground, that had been consecrated to God And the Heavenly hosts appeared to be ver nigh judging from the Heavenly Sensations that rested upon us

The first ministration we recieved was from Eldress Betsy to the Inspired ones, in the form of counsel, that they should be free & speak what ever might be given, Bright Angels, welcomed us to the Holy Ground, & bestowed their love & blessing on all. & desired all to gather strength & comfort,

Some words of thanksgiving by the people, we kneeled & sung a hymn,— We were informed that Father David was present, & had come to bless us, He informed us that a great increase of the work of God, was about to open upon us, & all were exhorted to be prepared for the work.

A communication was then read from Eldress Betsy to the Inspired ones, filled with words of strength & comfort, & seconded with some Salutary counsel, to shew them how to conduct & also stating that the Spirit of repentance was about to be given to this people, & that those Inspired ones would be called on as forerunners of the work, They were counseled to be calm & deliberate, & not speak in a hurried or excited manner, that they should go through great sufferings of Spirit, & they must be given up to do the will of God, & be solomn & still, have no Idle talk, kneel once a day in prayer &c and closed with a Cage of Doves of holy silence & a song for each one— In truth the whole

communication was a full transcript of Elde
Betsy, for wisdom Charity & loving kindness, &
was so considered by all, & induced a genera
acknoledgement of faith in the gift

Father David then stated that it was the mind of our Heavenly Father, that we Should step forward into the gift of repentan for the work of God would go on whether we went with it or not,

A prophet of the most High God, was seen, about to gird on his coat, & prepar to start for the far West, he had no words for us at this time— The windows of Heave were seen opened, & souls had access to Godly prayr.

A mighty angel of God testified that a great shaking of the dry branches, had taken place in the zion of God in this place & many had tryed, & some had fallen off. But the day had come when the Heavenly messengers would pour on the Children of zion the the Streems of Sweet repentance, & it was his desire that we would walk the path of holy Silence, & the path of the Holy fear of God

Two Brethren went for holy water to the pool & gave us to drink, & informed us that a company of Holy angels were marching around us, & desired us to unite with them which we did, — Father James gave us love & strength The Angel of peace & the fruits of peace were Spoken of. & A beautiful healing angel spake & said, that it had been a time of gathering the fruits of the Earth, a time of Harvest & a disease had taken effect in the minds of many, But said he, I have come to heal all such, to poure in the healing balm & they shall be made whole, He said there were many little things crept in, but he would heal them all

Father William stated that he had come from Mother with her love in shining balls He said it was our Mothers desire, that we should take a further step in the increasing work of God. But know this, That by deep tribulation only, would we gain a further step, in this work— A roobe of love was then givin to each one.

Twelve Bright angels who had brought

many Gifts of God to us, had now came to prepare the way, & help all who by low humiliation would bow low & humble themselves before God;

And it was there stated that an uncommon feeling of ministration from the Heavenly host, was very pressing, such was the feelings, that it could not be expressed.

Some felt the overflowing effects of the Ministration, & one, an aged Brother stated in the feelings of true humility, that he felt himself a poor old man, called into the gospel out of season, & he felt intirely dependant on the gift of God for help and would yeild obedience in all things to the Order of Gods appointing - Brethren & Sisters will you help me.

It was stated that the Heavenly ministration would have the effect to make us feel broken in Spirit, & a willingness to forgive each other, The prophet Elijah gave a sweet ministration of peace & comfort to all who would walk in the low vail of Humiliation, & keep the fear of God, A Song of Humiliation was then sung

The Blessed Saviour was present, & Spake words of Incouragement to all, He also brought from Holy Mother Wisdom a Cup of deep tribulation for all to drink, for tribulation would have to be passed through by all in this place, Mother Lucy Exhorted all to be thankful for the Cup of Tribulation, for it would she said, bring our souls nigh to God.

The communication from Eldress Betsy was then read again, And Father James asked to know if the Company would not consider it a privelage to unite, & Covenant together to keep the Solomn fear of God, & seal the Same on their knees, which was done,

Those Heavenly Spirits then took their leave, In two Shouts, & bid us a kind farewell & the people came home.

August 17th 1845.

This day being set apart for the Church to visit the Chosen Square, the second family & West, had also the priveelage to attend.

We assembled at 8 oclock in the Meeting House, where after singing an Anthem, Elder read a communication from our Heavenly Father, as a word of warning to all, to prepare to meet him at the Chosen Square,

He also read a Message given this morning, Warning all to keep the Solomn fear of God & not give way to lightness, or make a mock of the word or work of God,

Elder John then gave a statement of the order of the day, That the Ministry & Elders sho lead the way, four abreast, two Brethren & two Sisters, The Singers of the Church next to them & then the Aged, & the Youth & Children to follow in the rear &c.

We were then told that an Innumerable company of Angels, & Spirits, had assembled with us And also many poor souls had come to witness th day of the mighty power of God, & hear the Gosp Trumpet sounded, therefore we were exhorted to fear God, & not venture to approch the chosen square with sin covered, Many witnessed to the same effect,

We formed the march, & went past the Nort House, in number between 3 & 400, when we had arriven at the square, we halted at the gate, & bathed in the pool out side of the gate, & as we entered we recieved the welcom of a large company of Heavenly Spirits, Mother Ann, Father William, & Father James being present, We bowed 4 times,

Elder John then gave an exhortation on the subject of the Increasing work of God, by calling, our attention, to days that were past 10 or 15 years ago, & desiring us to consider, & see, what God had done for us, He thought it would be hard to suppress the feelings of Gratitude, when that time, & this was compared, the work of God had been going on for forty years in this place, But who could have told 15 years ago, that at this time & at this place we should have meet with so great a company of the heavenly Hosts, who were ready, to bless & help us, It was truly so as had been written Eye hath not Seen, Nor Ear heard, Neither had it entered into the heart of Man to conceive of the things that God had laid up for those that love him, Therefore we ought to be thankfull

We then had a privelage to bath in the pool, And Mother requested that the & Elders together with the aged should bath first, Those who had kept the gospel from the beginning, for She would pour out her annointing Oil on them, & after bathing, the Ministry were requested to distribute of the annointing oil on all the people; & while they were bathing, Mother gave a blessing to the youth & Children.

A, large company of brights Entered the North East Corner of the Square, They we such as had left the body, of our Brethren & Sisters, & Eldress Betsy was at their head.

She recommended all to labor for the quicning power of God, & that her company should sing for us, The laboring commence & the mighty power of God fell on the assem While Mother poured out her love & blessing on them, the people Shouted,

Mother said her gift of love & Streng She desired to be recieved by all both old younge This request was confirmed by Holy angels, & also their own feelings added that we should gether freely of Mothers love & blessing at that time, & the tree of love was seen full of fruit, & all might gether.

At this time, the Entrance of our Heavenly Father the Great Jehovah was announced, & all was called on to bow low, with fear & Holy reverance before, We bowed, in solomn silence, He spake & bestowed, & love, & caled on the people to be joyful, & to rejoice, for the salvation that was wrought, We bowed to the Earth. then rose to rejoice, for the trumpets of joy were sounding throughout the Spiritual world, & Mother placed a seal on the head of each individual

Brother Andrew then Came forward with a blessing for Father Josephs Class, & spake words of Incouragement to them.

Holy Mother Wisdom gave a blessing of love & strength to all her Children, & she Exhorted all to lay hold, while it was in their reach, & gether freely of her love for it was flowing freely.

Many bright Spirits were passing around helpin the Young to be free, & gether of the good, they disired all to shake loose from all that had any tendancy to bind the soul, & gether the living pow of God.

The exercise commenced with Shaking, & then by laboring, & was attended by the mighty power of God, all was set in moti & for some time it would not have been easy to resist the mighty out pouring of love & Innocence & Simple freedom.

It felt to me, that the camp was about to move forward, for the sound of joy & rejoyci was heard throughout the body—

And Mother gave yit another blessing, a Golden Trumpet to be recieved in the right han

We were then informed of a large company of Holy Angels of God that had arived, we then Sounded on our golden Trumpets, & we were presented by them with each a Vase, & desired us to Unite & sound Liberty & freedom.

This we did with a loud voice, Speaking the words together, There was much Exercise at this time, & many felt the givings of the

spirit Father David requested all to come forward
& partake of the blessings: that some stood back
& felt bound by not having the same previleg
of others, but they need not stay back on that
account, but come forward & breake their bands
& recieve the blessing. He then gave a chain to
the Ministry, & by them we were all incircled
& bound together.

We were then informed that a large company of Father Joseph Class, had come & had gathered fruit from the tree of Liberty, & wished to distribute it, & also requested that the Church would bestow their love & blessing on the young which was done.

Father David said there was but one step, between freedom, & bondage between life & death & we could have which we chose, If we would move forward we should have life, But if we continued in bondage we would have Death.

Father William requested all to put away pride & Bondage, & take hold of the gifts of God, for said he, this Gospel will settle the Score with all Souls, It will prove a savour of life or of death to all who hear it

Therefore he exhorted all to be free.

Father Joseph desired us to raise the Shout of Victory, & presented us with golden Crosses to wear on the breast, sent by Holy Mother, & also a basket of fruit from the Holy Mount, which Shined like Apples of Gold.

Eldress Betsy & Brother Andrew brought a feast of Wine & Apples from Father Willi & most of the people got tipsy, But after laboring, Stagering, Singing, Hugging, Shouting & rejoicing & making many good promises.

A company, of bright Spirits & Angels brought refreshments of fruits & other good thin & placed them around the fountain, & desired us to partake freely of the same.

Father Joseph Class was then called & space given them to March around the fountain, there were about 60 of Each male & female, while marching, Eldress Betsy & Brother Andrew brought a branch from the tree of Victory, for all of that Class. to share in, it was Shook over them & they were exhorted together.

Just then we were informed that the 12 Holy angels that first marked out this holy spot had ariven, & that they made us welcomb to this sacred ground, & spake some to us, But the time for Intermision had come, & after some arangement to dispose of what few spetators that were present, the Brethren retired out at the South Gate, & the Sisters at the North & rested for a time.

When from the appearance of the Clouds we were called to assemble, & prepare to march for home, to escape the rain, we soon started & before we reached home, it began to Sprinkle, But we did not git wet, & so the meeting Ended

August 24 1845.

This day was read the law of God respecting Swines flesh, Strong drink, & the Use of Tobacco, in Family Meeting.

In the Church Meeting Father Willi Came, & blessed the people, He Spake of there sufferings, & strugles to keep the Gospel, & how he delighted to bless such souls.

Mother Ann being present Exhorted all to Humiliation as the sure way to gain the spirit of repentance, she disired, She desired us to be humble, for said She, what have you got that is good tha you did not recieve from the Heavens, & why shoul you feel lifted up with, it but rather walk in Humiliation, & keep low as the sure way to gain the true spirit of repentance.

The Holy savior gave each another cup of Tribulation to drink, & Mother gave a short exhortatio on the subject of our sensing the gifts of God Wheth we did not feel careless, & dull, & let them pass without feeling their solemnity, She wished us to examin & see if we did not lost the sense of the purety and Holyness of those heavenly gifts, that we had been bles with so abundantly & did we sence & realize them as we shou

August 31 1845.

We had a communication read to us in our morning meeting from Blessed Mother Ann, she gave us her love & blessing, & Informed us of the comeing of Twelve Holy Angels bearing Each, a Line and plumet, The line of righteousness & the plumet of Equity by which we were all to be tried.

They had taken up their residence for a time in the Holy Sanctuary, & we were required to bow as we entered, with our faces towards the Center to shew respect to the Holy Angels, This being approved by the Elders, it will be attended to accordingly.

Church Meeting August 31 1845

This day we had the company of the good Ministry from North Union, & recieved a good sto of love from that people in there words, We will keep the way of God.

Our beloved Eldress Betsy attended & gave us her love, She said, that the work of God consiste in Small things, & She was about to us a little thing, It was a little stream of the mercy & goodness of God, & it would make us to feel a forgivin Spirit, to all who had hurt or greaved our spirit we would freely forgive them, & hold no hardness towards them, & if we would hold out our cups, sh would fill them out of this little stream &c

Father Joseph Stated that he was about to Sow the Seeds of peace among the Brethren & sisters, & after they were sown, we might labo a Song sung by the Angels with out the help of the Church Singers, & then we might reap the fruits of peace altogether.

We kneeled down while the seed was sown & then labored, & felt the spirit of peace sprin up in our Spirits, We then by request commen reaping, in our own fields & that of our neighbo also, by which means we gathered some from different places, & then mixed all up together.

When through Mother bestowed her love & blessing on the people, & stated that she had been all through among us, & had pulled out, & removed all those noxious plants that produced discord she had taken them away, & now if we would be careful to gather the fruits of peace & cultivate the same, we would find the benefit of it in time to come.

Father Joseph stated that the gifts of God had been liberly bestowed on us, Even the best gifts of Heaven, & the day was about to burst in upon us, when we would feel thankful for the Crumbs that we now passed by unnoticed, When Tribulation & Sufferings came on us, as it certainty would. when God would poure out the Spirit of repentance upon us, & we should feel Broken, which would be the case sooner or later, then a Crumb of those blessings would be esteemed of great value, & that day was about to be ushered in Soon.

We then were feasted on the grapes of sensation that were hung in the ally & we bowed in Thankfulness for the blessings received & the Meeting Closed.

September 7th. 1845.

In Church Meeting, this day we had
the Company of The Ministry from South Unio
& also from North Union, it having been conclu
to go to the Chosen Square, the rest of the socie
were invited to attend, But the day Clouded u
looked like rain, yet the people aſsembled, & the
meeting commenced at 8 oclock in the Meeting
House, where after recieving the love from Sou
Union, We commenced laboring, & were soon info
rmed that a company of Bright Angels, had com
& had brought many Heavenly bleſsings, the lov
of our Heavenly Father, - his power & bleſsing.

Elder peter gave his love & bleſsing to the
South Union Ministry, for the good example th
set before the world, he said they had honored the
gospel, Father David gave his love & bleſsing
to the Aged, & Elder John gave his also after.
which all the people united in the same.

We were then exhorted to freedom, & the
Holy Angels assisted with a cup of freedom, &
exhorted us to be free, they also gave us thre
bottles of wine, & requested the Ministry to de
vide. It seeming was, like of the Bread of lif

to be devided in like manner.

A branch of the tree of victory ladined with fruit, was then shook over us & we had liberty to gether, & our distant friends was called to share in all those blessings, Eldress Betsy desired that we would devide with them the seed of peace that we had gethered last Sabbath. To give & recieve & let it become one.

We then recieved the love of the Holy Savior & Mother Ann brought by Father William with direction to devid with the distant Ministry. & requested that we should sound on our trumpets, after which we recieved a ministration of fire sent by Elder Issachar who said the design was to learn us to be limber.

We were then informed that a bright cloud overshadowed us, charged with the living power of God, & the Spirit of thankfulness & the gifts of heaven which fell in showers on the Brethren & sisters.

The Rock that had been placed in the Ally some time back, was struck by the Angel & a stream issued from it, of every good & precious gift of God, & all were exhorted to partake freely, & among the gifts presented was a golden lamp lit with the light of Heaven all contained in a box, & the Ministry were requested to open & divide, also a golden Chain of love & strength from God our heavenly Father, & a golden Circle from the Holy Saviour, of which our friends from the South were called on to partake for they had been faithful, & had come a great ways to be fed & strengthened, & a robe was sent to them to clothe them withall, & protect them while on their visit,

We were then called to feast on precious Mothers love, & rejoice & be glad, when Dimons of Selfdenial were given to the young people, & they were exhorted to be faithful by Father David & keep the fear of God, & the good Angels would bless them, & They all kneeled down & bowed & recieved the love of good Mother Ann for being So much ingaged in the work Elder John then exhorted the young people to be faithful & cleave to the way of God, he desired that they would accustom themselves to often kneel down in prayr to God for help, & they would be heard & & Father David would bless them.

The gift from this out was to bless oneanother & to bless the young believers, in which the good angels united; The meeting began to draw to a close, & it was concluded to ~~[illegible]~~ have an intermission untill one oclock, & then if the wether premitted, we would go to the Square, at eleven the Meeting Ended.

At one the people assembled & it seemed to be favorable, altho some cloudy, it was concluded to form the line of march for the sacred spot The Ministry & Elders took the lead & then the singers & moved on without any interruption untill we arived at the spot, where we were met by Eldress Betsy who desired to open the streams of everlasting love, of which we had had a taste last Sabbath, Here we bathed in the pure fountain & drank of its waters, we marched round the Square, & received the love & blessing of the Heavenly Hosts, who informed us that these blessings came to us by means of the gift of Inspiration, that by & through these means this sacred place had been discovered where we could meet with the good Spirits & Angels of God, & feel & sense these Heavenly blessings.

All were desired to be free & partake freely of those blessings that were now bestowed & a promise was given, that the earth should no more be left without a prophet to speak the word of God, & sound the trumpet of peace in the land, The people were warned of the power of unbelief, to give it no place with its soul binding influence, but to shut it out & have no feloship with it for it proceeded from the flesh & would darken the soul & cause it stumble & fall,

Many good & precious gifts were ministered, & all felt refreshed & thankful, But the clouds seemed big with rain & it was concluded to return home, So we formed the line of March & returned to Meeting House where we had the of Sending our best love to our beloved paren at North Union by the Good Ministry, & then returned thanks for the Goodness of God, & the Meeting Closed, a little after Three Oclock.

September 14 1845.

This day the meeting began rather heavy-but soon we were visited, first by a company of Volenteers who seemed very anxious to help us, then a large Company of Angels ministered strength & Power A Message was then read stating that an angel had sounded the trumpet of liberty, and would continue to sound untill all who desired to be free were released, All over 50 were desired to unite with the angel & sound on their trumpets tuning, at the same time & at the End of the sound to Shout Liberty three times, this was done first by the Aged, then by the middle age & then by the youth & Children.

One of the 12 holy angels who held the line & plumet then Spake & said, I am the power of God, I am sent here to try every soul, & I shall go up & down among you, & prove you & my residence will be for a time in the Holy sanctuary. The streems of love & Charity are flowing freely at this time, & its tendancy will be to unite souls to gether that stand in relation from all quarters that they shall be but one people.

A Holy Angel then presented to the South Union Ministry with 4 Sacks of the seeds of peace, to be taken Home & sown in the Sanctuary there, they were first to sing a Song of praise, & then commence reaping the fruits of peace, & store it up for time of need, for it was testified by the Angel that the days of peace was swiftly passing by, It is now, said he, the time of Harvest a time to gather & lay up strength, But those days will soon pass by, & be succeeded by a day of darkness & distress when many shall look, & wonder, & shall not understan for many shall be the devices of Satan to darken the understanding, But the faithful need not to fear for in faithfully doing what they do understand they shall be accepted & the Glorified Hosts that surrounds this place will be their protection, & the soul that wal in obedience to the Order of God shall not stumble or fall, But when those days of tribulation come upon you, then remember that I the Holy & prophesying angel told yo of them. He then gave us his love &c ——

A persent then was sent to the South Union Ministry consisting of a role contoning important matter, which would be read by the Inspired ones when they got home, & also from out of the Arch, that overshadowed us, was recieved, beautiful white garments to cloth them withall, those garments was said to have been taken out of the Ivory palaces, & signified that they should forever be clothed with Comfort, & have the love of the Angel who presented them, They were also given a branch of the tree of life loaded with fruit which they were to Shake when at home, for there people to gether, also a beautiful Breast plate was sent them from the Holy Mount, & thus adorned they were beautiful

The propesying Angel than stated that he looked to the South & saw a Man clothed in Scarlet, who proclamed that he was from the land of Blood. that greate things appeared to be taken place in the South denoting War Blood & carnage

We then had a present of Shoes of fire which was said would last forever, & would help us to keep the strait path, for they should inlighten our way, & lead us safely on in the path of obedience to the visible order

& with the Shoes, a Staff with this Inscription Take courage, & be no more disheartened, &c

The Angel of power then testified that part of Zion should be laid waist, yea he called on us to mark what he said, that a part of zion be laid waist, & should be seen growing up in weeds, & we were exhorted to keep awake, for Satan was using every art in his power to lul us to sleep, that he might accomplish his porpose, & we should have a little more zeal, a little more energy, yea a little more watchfulness & prayr.

O said the Angel, kneel down & pray for the zion of God, that God would protect his people, & guard them from those dangers that threaten, He stated he had his residence for the present in the Holy Sanctuary.

The meeting was then called to order & a different Scean took place. The spirit of Humiliation & repentance began to shew it self in good earnest, It broke out in a very feeling manner among the Elders, & they were soon supplied with the waters of repentance in a plentiful manner, so that they took their watering pots & went round & sprinkled us all The power of the Spirit was felt all through, & a more Solomn heavenly Meeting we rarely witneſs, Many precious gifts were given from our Heavenly parents, & much good instruction, At length we all kneeled down to pray for the fulneſs of the Spirit, when King Solomon came forward with a gift of wisdom for each one, to teach us how to pray aright, to the acceptance of God.

— Mother signified her joy that she had found a place for the Spirit of repentance to enter, & we were reminded, that it had been promised &c

Many rich presents were sent for the South Union Ministry, & bleſsing without number So that we can truly say, the best of the Wine was reserved to the last of the feast

With a warme exhortation to keep the fear of God, & a Spirit of prayer for the coming week, we were dismiſsed, Having continued for nearly three hours.

September 21 1845.

We had the privelage again this day to visit the Chosen Square in company with the South Union Ministry, & the different Orders of Believers here, We assembled at the Meeting House about nine Oclock, Where we recieved a word from our Heavenly Father, requesting us to labor for a brok Spirit, To humble our souls before God, for he would meet us at the Square, & pour out a bleſsing on all who were prepared to recieve it.

We then formed & marched to the Chosen Squa where we were met by the Holy Saviour & our bleſsed Mother Ann, who bestowed on us the love of God, The angels exhorted us to be free, & breake the bands of the flesh, & be free souls, then we should be free souls & recieve a bleſsing at other time.

Our Heavenly parents granted us liberty to bathe in the fountain, & ask for ever we felt we most needed & it should be granted unto us.

The Holy Saviour spake & said, that he had come at this time to bleſs his Childr in this place, & he had caused a stream of

Charity, to flow to all, for his wells ran over & his Goodness mercy & Charity, was bounless & never failing, This was a day of peace, our peace would flow like a river, & why should we fear, Shake off all bands, let none be backward, but come & partake freely of the blessing prepare, Those who feel backward may know what stands in the way to preven your being blessed, It is a principal of long standing, given by your Heavenly Father, That except ye forgive others ye cannot be forgiven, ye cannot feel that good that is for you, & the blessing will be lost,,

We recieved much good instruction on this subject, & after Marching we recieved a further exortation to be free, for it was a day of small things, we need not stand looking for greate & mighty things, For the Angels had spread their Tents around us, & were ready to help us, & was it considered by us a small thing to be called by the Gospel, was it thought a small thing to partake of those pure streams that flow around the Throne of God, which is given to you this day, which Shall Influence each souls this day For the Holy Saviour has come to annoint all with the waters of repentance, & the love of God, for the love of God would giv power over evil, & this love of God was lov to each other, I know said he, all your sufferings & Tribulations, I know all your cryes & prayers for salvation, yea I have heard them all, & you shall be strengthened to bear all ye shall yet be called to pass throug for you have to pass through much Tribulatio

For the way hath been so marked out by all our forerunners, through deep & heavy Sufferings, & we had to follow on in their footsteps, And we must bow our Souls low, & gain the Spirit of repentance, & Godly sorrow for Sin, which Gift had not been gained in that fulness that was required.

By these & simular labors from the Heavenly Hosts, the power of God began to opperate among the people, & was discovered by a flow of the spirit of thanksgiv for the gospel, & for the privilage then enjoyed The blessings of Heaven fell on the people like rain from the clouds, & Old & young began to feel its blessed Influence & many testified their feelings & determination to keep the way of God to laying down of life It was truly a feast of good things, for the Heavens were opened, & blessings came in abundance, the bands flew asunder, & souls were set free to praise our heavenly Mother

Many felt the living power of God, & were exercised in various ways, with Ministration of love Strength & incouragement, The bursts of thankfulness which came from almost every quarter, left no one in doubt, that the mighty power of God was among the people.

The good faith & testemonies of the people recieved the hearty approbation of the Ministry & Elders, & the Heavenly attendents signified their approval by the many gifts & presents that were distributed, of which we will name afew, The Bread & water of life, & the fruit of the Tree of Victory, this was presented with a Solemn warning, to consider it Sacred, for it was the tree under which our Blessed Mother sat & refreshed her self when she first came to visit this place, & all who would partake of this fruit, & keep it Saved & pure, it would cause them to be inocent & pure as the Saints in heaven Yea if they kept the word of God, they Should rest in the Holy Bowers of love & have an entrance into the joys of Heaven.

As the Meeting began to draw to a Close, many expressions of thankfulness were heard to drop, in various places, at length it seemed to concentrate on the Good Ministry from South Union, & the love & blessing of the people were given to them without Measure, in which the Heavens United.

They gave vent to their feelings, & express their love joy & gratitude to Mother & to all here for what they felt, for they were filld to over flowing with the goodness of God. they returned thanks to all for their presents & desired their prayers & remembrence for time to come as they felt poor & needy, & dependant for which they were Crowned, & many other gifts bestowed on them, After supplying them with love for all believers in Kentucky, the Meeting Closed

September 28th 1845.

This day a Mighty Angel came into the Holy Sanctuary loaded with a veriaty of Gifts for the people, & all that would be simple enough to ask for what they wanted they should recieve the thing.

Also a band of Bright Angels came & requested that we should use our Swords & cut away bondage & be simple, & the gifts of Heaven would flow, yea the power & gifts of Heaven would flow to simple Children. A Holy Angel stated that he had a gift of refreshment for all the faithful, It was a gift of tender love, this would strengthen us, & cause us to love one another, The Enemy was trying to cause division & coldness, so that we would pass each other with Indifference & for some slight offence not to speak for weeks &c, but this refreshing love would create & fill us with tenderness, mercy & Charity, that we would feel a forgiveing Spirit, that we would pass each other like Angels, full of a spirit of mercy & Charity

& feel compassion for any under sufferings, & this should be the gift for the Coming week, Every Morning as we rose fro bed, he would give a cup of tender love to Each one, & they should feel its blessed Influence through the week, to feel that mercy, love, & Charity for each other, & it would help us to remember wherein we had Sinned in this respect, & fill us with the Spirit of repentance & Godly Sorrow,

This was Incouraged by Mother Ruth wh offered to grant a fullness of Tender love to all her Children who would recieve it

Father Joseph presented a branch of the tree of Inocence & freedom, full of frui & we were premited to partake, & then requested that we would kneel down and ask for a broken & contrite Spirit, that our Heavenly Father could not bless the high & lofty, but the humble & low, the broken hearted, such would be bless

The Meeting then was brought to a Close Sending our love to the Church in East by ou Ministry, who expected to start in a few days.

October 5th 1845.

This day we were visited by the mighty angel of power who came clothed with the fear of God & exhorted all to bow low, & gether & keep the solomn fear of God. A band of Angels brought Strength & power, & exhorted all to whet their swords & prepare to meet the foe, for the enemy was at hand.

We were presented with balls of fire to consume the flesh, & also Bands of light to bind the faithful together. Those & simelar gifts of the Spirit were ministered through the meeting, for strength & incouragement. Nothing is withheld that would in any way go to help the people to stand, & indure the tribulation that awaits them. That tribulation is for us there is no doubt, we see the way is preparing for it with our own eyes, & all the Heavens bear witness that we must pass through trying sceans, which go to confirm our feelings. O for strength to stand & indure the trying day, & conduct in such a manner that we may find the mercy & charity of God.

October 12. ...45.

This day, The Holy Saviour & some of his appostles attended the meeting, He came to bless his Children with a Spirit of Simplicity & freedom, Father David & Mother Ruth attende & placed fruit in the Alley, for all to parta for it would strengthen Soul & body, & we were exhorted to Eat & be refreshed for the moment, & it would help us to stand when the days of tribulation should come, of which we had heard so muc for it would surely come, & was not far off, Bu was roling apace, & awaits every soul,

The Holy Saviour called the Ancients or the Aged forward to bless them, those who had set out in the first dispensation of the Gospel i this place, & had borne the Heat & burden of the day, He said they merited his love & blessing for they had freely devoted all to the gospel, their property & their lives & had been faithful through all trials to keep the way of God, & he wou set Crowns on their Heads, they recieved his blessing on their knees,-

An Angel came forward with his Trumpet to sound liberty to the four winds o

Heaven, & the Church united & sounded four times, begining at the East & sounding towards each point.

The Inspired ones then saw trouble in the South & West, but particaalar in the West, a dark cloud arose which brought Darkness Trouble & distress on the Children of zion, but in the East was seen brightness & strength for all,

The Holy Saviour said, I have come this day to prepare your souls for tribulation that is shortly to come upon you, Therefore recieve freely of these blessing, & let your souls be strengthened the Midle aged & the young, for deep & sore Tribulation awaits you, It is the path that we traveled before you, & the Aged may minister strength & incouragement to the young and help to prepare them to stand the trying day.

The Young were called forward & Crowned with meekness, patience & forbearence, & were told that In tribulation they should eat of the good things of heaven, & in sufferings should they drink of the refreshing gifts of God, a Bright cloud was seen to overshadow the zion of God, wherein was strength & protection for all, But we were required to bow low, least we should be found without the shadow of this Holy Cloud, The Aged bestowed their love & bleſsing on the young, & many good testimoni were borne by the Brethren & Sisters, expreſsin their love to the way of God, their thankfulneſ for the Gospel, & we were intreated to cleave to the Order of God, gether close to our Elders & remember their counsel, & teachings, labor for a thankful spirit, & a love for the Order of God, & all would go well, after kneeling & bowing in thankfulneſs for the bleſsings we had receiv Elder Brother gave us a charge for the coming week, which was this— Little Children love one an other, & the Meeting Closed

October 19th 45.

This morning was finished the reading of the Holy Orders, in family meeting, They were begun on the 12th &c

October 19th 45:

For some weeks past, those who have had Children here, have been very anxious to get them away, they apply to the authorites, & send the Sherrif, & take them to Town, have a mock trial the judge delivers them over to their parents & we git no thanks for all we have done for them, Nine have been taken away in two weeks this has brought some tribulation;

But this day we were comforted by the heavenly Hosts, A company of Bright Angels come from the East with a great increase for all that were prepared to recieve it & we might gether freely for it would strengthen the Soul Elder Issacher contributed largely of fire to burn up evel. Mother Ruth stated that the fountain of love was opened, & love was flowing free, the love of God, & that Seven bright angels was in attendance with the overcoming power of God for all the children of zion, & the question was asked, "do one & all desire a word of consolation well this is it", peace peace & consolation & prosperity forever, (precious promises,) A band of Bright Angels came to comfort us, they gave each of us a cup of the pure waters of Consolation, that we might be strengthened thereby to persevere on our way.

Brother Andrew brought the Love of our Ministry & all our good friends at the Holy Mount, also their prayers for our prosperity in the good work of Mother, And our good Sister Elizebeth was also present with a basket of Simplicity, which She distributed.

All this together with the words of comfort & incouragement we recieved from our good Elder Brother, to hold fast what we had recieved, & not let it slip, but treasure up the precious gifts of God & make a wise use of them, Closed the Meeting with an increase of good feelings

October 26d 45.

The meeting had not continued long this day before it was testified that the angels were present, & the Glory of God filled the House & many felt the Influence of their heavenly Spirits, Elder Issacher sent each one a gun which was to be shot Brich foremost.

It was then testified: that the voice of a mighty Angel, crying mightly, "behold the mighty power of God. It fills the House that all may gether, & a table was spread with Cheering wine in the ally for all to partake & be strengthened, Also a large company of Angels were seen on their way here they were watering Angels, or Holy messingers, with a gift of refreshment & they had with them cages of Doves, they were the doves of peace, they would whisper peace to us, for they were Mothers doves & would whisper peace to Mothers Children They came from the Holy Mount, & brought cups of love on their wings from Mothers Children there to distribute.

Daniel Boyd came with love from Mother & gave it out, He took the occasion

to manifest his gratitude & thankfulneſs to
all for what had been done for him, which
was well recieved & our love given in retur

The Holy Mists of Heaven was seen falling from the Lord, & also a Cloud was said to be nigh bursting with sore judgments nigh unto our gates, but in lowlyneſs of heart we would find protection

A prophet was declared to be sent to the Church, who would remain for a time, fo a sign to the people, He was clothed with a Mantle of power, armed with Bow & quiver He spake of days of peace, & also of many days of sorrow & tribulation that were before us, He exhorted all to bow low & walk in humiliation, for he would turn his arrows towards that soul who disobeyed the word of the Lord, The prophet stated that he had come to anoint the Instruments of Zion with the Spirit of prophesy, that they might speak the word of the Lord, He stated that we should have days of peace, but the days of sorrow was not far off, but nigh at the door, such as never had been, for the work of God was moving on fast, when the mantle of thick darkness was about to be spread on the Earth, & great tribulation would ensue. when the judgements of God would go throug the land, when Kingdoms would be rent in peaces, & men should be seen walking as trees when bending before the wind, they should go to & fro not knowing what to do.

Elder Archabald brought love from our Ministry, & stated they were drinking at the Holy Fountain, & that a greatt increase was for us, & we were requested to turne our faces towards the East & bow, & say, we thank the O heavenly Father, We will recieve what thou hast for us,— & very soon the meeting closed.

November 2nd 45.

This day the Meeting began by Elder Brother exhorting all to be alive & awake & improve their day & privelages for the day was greate, & work of God was moving on & we must be prepared to meet the increas

Elder Issachar said he had come to make known the will of our Heavenly Father, & it was this, that every soul who would open there hearts should recieve & feel the living power of God, this day, the Young Brethren & Sisters began to speak, & tell their feelings & a strong testimony was borne by them against the flesh & lust, which felt very comforting. Swords were presented to all to fight the foe within,

The Angels of God were seen coming forward prepared for the battle, & power was given to every soul to over come all lust & pride, we then sounded on our trumpets & shouted Victory, Mother was present, & gave to each a cup of sweetned wine to cheer up the spirits, A company of angels was seen passing from the East to the

West,, & they cryed as they passed, "prepare ye prepare ye" for the Judgments of God are about to commence, & God would do his work, & they should stand ready to do the will of God what ever that should be.

Other Angels were seen bowing in thankfulness that there were so many souls that were willing to bow to the gospel & yeald obedience to the law of love, & stood ready to help others,

Many testimonys were given of thankfulness for the gospel & a determination to keep the way of God, at all risks,. thus after many such good feelings & much liberty of speach, Elder Brother Desired all to be prepared to meet the Increase that was for us & above all to teare down the steps that led up to the judgment Seat, he desired those steps distroyed for it had a pernitious effect, it done no good but much evil, O said he, do let us stand firme & support every gift, without a murmur, thus the Meeting Closed.

November 9th 45.

The first information we recieved this day from the Heavens, was from Elder Issachar, he said our spirits were too cold to recieve the gifts of God, & he had brought a supply of fire to warm us up, It was gathered, & had its effect,

When it was announced that Blessed Moth was present, & called on the Elders & all the Brethren & Sisters who had set out to overcome the flesh by crucifying it, to be up, & a doing for said she, there are some here to day that are after the flesh, & that it was growing in this place, She called on the said Elders to watch & guard their places by day & by night, or some would be taken by the Enem

Another then spake & said, "I see a fire burning, It appears to be consuming the forrest it is spreading far & wide, It will burn without & within Zion, untill the flesh is consumed, Some began to ask for help, & spake very feelingly, Brother Amos bore a swift testimony against the flesh, He said it was the flesh that caused so much death whether it was by entanglements in the flesh or by backbiting or speaking against, it was all the same, it proceeded from the same fountain of corruption, & he was thankful to hear a testimony born against it &c

A Brother stated that the spirit of Elder John was in meeting & requested the young, or all of Father Joseph class to come forward & labor to sense their privelage, They were called forward, & labored with zeal, & many of them spake freely their determination not to be bound by the flesh, but keep the way of God, & be obedient, they seemed to have power among them,

A testimony was borne by a sister, against the practice of making observations on what was said in meeting by any one after we went home, it had a tendancy to bind, & it was wrong She confessed she had done it, but would do it no more, her resolution was approved,

Brother Andrew then came forward with robes for all the young, who would put off the old robe of the flesh, they should be clothed with a Spiritual robe, pure & white

We then labored a song for the protection & safe returne of our beloved Ministry

Father Joseph then presented to each of his Class a Sword, by which they could fight the enemy of their souls, & encouraged them to persevere on in the good work.

Mother then spake, & said she was thankful to see so much zeal among the young to labor for the gifts of God She gave them her love & blessing, & told them to keep it, & they would not have to labor so long & hard when they came to meeting befor they could get free; but their souls would be filled with life & power which would be a contenual protection & strength to them. &c

After hearing a very appropriate Lecture from Br Readman to the aged to set a godly example before the young, & not turn them out of the way by a ministration of poison but deposit it always in the Order where it would do no harm. We received the love & blessing of Eldress Betsy, who gave us a further evidence that she cared for us, & was trying to do us good, we then bowed 4 times in thankfulness, & the Meeting closed

November 16th 45.

This day the Ministry having returned from the East, they aſsembled with us. And notwithstanding the tribulation they have had the past week with some fals hearted creatures who fell from the way of God; They had a sweet ministration of love & bleſsing from our parents in the East.

They gave us an account of a meeting they attended at the Old House of Eleazer Grant an Old persecuter that has lately fell into the hands of Belivers, where Mother went through great sufferings by a mob, & while confined in this House she propheſied that Her Children should yet worship God in that House, And it was fulfilled on that day (A circumstantial account of Mothers sufferings are given in the testimony of Prudence Hammond) In this place they were met by Christ & Mother Ann and bestowed their love & bleſsing on them, & also sent it to the West in a little song, also Balls of watchfulneſs, with this instruction, "See that you hurt not the Oil or the Wine in one another" Also a branch filled with little beautiful birds,

Mother was present at the delivery, & the Ministration was full of power & life

Mother gave us her love, seasoned with Holy fire against the flesh & all Evil, & informed us that we would need it to enable us to stand in the day of tryal which would surely come, as had been promised, Father William confirmed all & added that we should be careful to treasure up & observe whatever was given by our visible lead, to cleave to them & remember their councel, for there was safty, but one side of that we would be found on the Enemys ground, & in great danger,

At this time one came forward & fell on her knees, & acknoledged that she had been led asstray by the Enemy, & had came under loss by disobedience, that she was sorry for it & begged the charity & forgiveness of the Ministry Elders & all the Brethren & sisters, she wept bitterly, she was believed to be sincear, & all forgave her. this opened the way for many good testemones of faith & strong determinations to walk in the path of obedience as the only path of safety.

Elder Brother exhorted all to bear in mind the peace they had injoyed, that they could go & came, & no one to disturbe or annoy, that we should be thankful for those days of peace, &c.

November 20th 45.

This day was set apart by the Governer of the State of Ohio, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayr. The Church met in the Meeting House at half past Eight in the Morning, When Elder John read a communication given by the Holy Saviour on the Subject of prayr, He wished to set us right in the matter of prayer, & have us pray a right, And as an evedence of the virtue of pray many paſseges of Scripture were quoted of God's answering prayer in former days, But we were perticularly refered to the prayer that King Soloman made at the Dedication of the Temple. & were exhorted to pray for the Holy Spirit of God, that God would give his Holy spirit to those who would ask aright, That a day would be set appart for prayer & Supplication when we might humble our Souls before God. &c

After Some Singing, we commenced laboring & Some complained of Stupidity, But soon the Sceen Changed, & the light broke in. Father David was present & ministered life & power Father William reproved some for Sin covered which they had brought into the Holy sanctuary He advised them to put it away before the

Sun went down, He exhorted all to be prepared for the Increase, to pure their own Soul & be ready to step forward, He gave each a light whereby they could see their own failings, but had no liberty to look for failings in an other, We were called on to bow our Souls low before God & Humb our selves to the Dust, that we might stand as helps to other Souls, for the work of God was moving on swiftly.

Many Good Testimonies were born by the people, & good promises made to be in the work Brother Andrew was present, & gave us his love & blessing— An Angel of power has taken his Stand in the Holy Sanctuary for a time, But for what purpose is not known at this time, — Some presents of strength & power were given in the course of the meeting, & all seemed determined to step forward into the Increase, We kneeled in prayer for the prosperity of the rising Generation, And we bowed in thankfulness for the Goodness of God & the blessings we had felt, The Ministry Exhorted all to take hold of the gift, & gain it, & by all means to purge out sin before they sleep, &c A Good Meeting

November 23rd 45.

The meeting was opened to day by Elder Brother He gave a very Solomn warning, for all to be careful of fire in all places where we had occasion to use it, that it was a dangerous Element, where it Got the advantage, yet good in its place, & we could not be too careful, ,,, But He said there was another fire it would be well to guard against, In a very specia manner, It had been empresst on him to Speak of it, & give warning, He supposed all knew what fire it was, He said it was the Tongue, It was a fire, a world of Iniquity, So is the tongue among our members It defiles the whole Body, & setteth on fire the course of Nature; & it is set on fire of Hell; He desired we would guard against that fire also, & keep it in bounds, & considir the day we lived in & labor to be Thankful

Elder John then asked, who would desire to have a key to open the door of their Mansion when they entered the Spiritual World (All desired to have one) He Said he had received while at the holy Mount, a key for each of Mothers Children in the East To open their Mansion when They entered into Eternity, & it was requested by the giver that whoever did recieve them, Should promise to be more faithful to keep the gospel, for the adorning of the Mansion would depend on the improvement of their time while here— All with uplifted hand agreed to be more faithful in all things, & recieved the. They [illegible]

The love of Mother began to be felt in the body, & Mother's love was seen Showering down over the Brethren & Sisters. A company of bright Spirits were present, who said they could witneſs to the many precious gifts of God that had been given to this people, for them to feed upon, much had been improved, But a great deal had been left & not gathered, That they had taken care of all the crumbs, & had treasured them up for a time of need, that they were now willing to feed us with those Crumbs, & scatter the bleſsings of God over the crowd, &c

Elder John brought the young people forward, & ministered the Spirit of freedom to the body, & the meeting was lively & refreshing & so continued to the close, —

December the 7 45

We had this day a very comfortable meeting, & much good feeling among the people, A company of Holy angels were present, who had come to bless us with a Spirit of prayr & supplication, & all were desired to gain that gift, for they would bless them with it, They had come to tarry for a time.

A rich blessing was conferred on the aged Brethren & Sisters by the invisibles, of which the young craved a part, & kneeled down to recieve it, The Aged then blessed them by many little gifts of love & thankfulness, and among the rest instructed them where to set their faces when they kneeled down in prayr to God, that God had an Order placed among us, & that he must be addressed through that Order, if we were heard or our prayrs answered, We must reverence the order of God, for through that medium we all found comfort when we unbosomed our feeling, & it joined us to the Heavens, so through that order we must direct our thoughts when we supplicated God for his mercy

This being sanctioned by an number Very soon Eldreſs Betsy came with a bleſsing for all, She stated She had been sent by our beloved Mother, to minister their good.

Elder John Exhorted all to be in a state of preparation for the yearly Sacrafice, in whi they would have the priveelage to put away all Evel & hardneſs, & all sin & defilement & purge their Souls, for we could not trave or make progreſs in the work of God, with out often confeſsing our short comings & lacks, & the time was nigh at hand, when we might give ourselves up to supplication & pray & humble our souls before God,

December 14th 45

Yearly Sacrafice Attended to.

This day the yearly Sacrafice was attende to according to the gift & order of the day (See March 20th of this present year

December 21st 1845.

The Meeting this day was very comfortable, attended with life & power. The love of Mother was felt like showers of rain on the people, which was very refreshing— The prophet Nathan attended, & desired to unite with the Church in this place, & Share in their love & bleſsing, & also to leave his love with us,– His mission would be made known in due time.

Father William came with a company of Heavenly Spirits and ministered to us— He said O, my Children prize your day & privelage, If you could Sense the day you live in you would feel very thankful for for privelage you Enjoy.—

The prophet then Spake & said. The Gift that we were called to labor in, was not to pray for fire to come down from Heaven to consume our adversaries, or to pray for the judgments of God to overtake them, But to labor for the Spirit of love, love to each other, & love for the wicked world, & pray in the spirit of love for the wicked that the mercy of God might reach them, we were required to labor for love, to be bound together by the cords of love, & in the Spirit of love pray for the wicked world that the mercy of God might reach them, It was love & not hatred that we were called to labor for, to be bound together by the cords of love, & in the Spirit of love pray for our fellow creatures, for there was an awful day at hand, both in relation to the Children of zion & to the wicked, when all should be proved.

Let the Children of zion walk in low humiliation, & in strict Union to the visible lead, and pray for the wicked, that God would extend mercy to them, for the day was coming when we would know the benifit of prayr, for some did not know yit, for Some had never put up one prayr to the Throne of God for power & stregth to stand, such would be in danger of sliding back on to the Enemys ground, (I see said he) far into futurity & I know what will take place, by the spirit of prophecy for ages to come, & I know that many of the Children of zion do not know the benifit of prayr, Therefore said he gether while the Harvest lasts, let none be found in the field without a sickle, reap gether & bind, & lay up in store for the time of need.

He advised all to kneel down & pray for the Holy Spirit, & it should be given them, so that they should feel its influence day by day. &c

Christmass December 25th 1845.

This day the whole society came together by the appointment of the Holy Saviour, to unite in prayr & supplication for the mercy of God, for ourselves & also for mankind at large,— Elder John read a communication on the subject from the Holy Saviour, and a hymn was sung including the Lords prayr, after which we labored some & shook some, & the peopel began to speak we were informed of a company of Angels of peace who had come to minister peace love & good will.

The Holy Saviour was present to bleſs all who were prepared to recieve— The people kneeled in prayr, after which a further communication was read on the same subject, we then formed in ranks as when in Church meeting, & sung the Lords prayr & kneeled, We were informed that the angels were kneeling with us, & also the apostles, ——

Mother Ann gave us her love & bleſsing and exhorted to repentance, for the days of tribulation was fast roling on, But we need not to fear if we put away all hardneſs, for nothing of the kind could ever enter the kingdom of God, She said she would repair the breach that had been made in the golden thread that bound us together, and we must bow our souls low, & pray for the Spirit of God, that all Zions Children might be blessed,

Elder John felt a gift to bless the aged, & Father William desired the aged to bless the young, Father David bestowed the living power of God on the people, It was discribed as a sheat of fire which would burn up all evil, Our Heavenly parents were present to bless us & to minister the good things of God.

I have been favored said one with a view of the Ark of Safety, a beautiful place, it is, surrounded with a wall, yea I have seen the ark— O Brethren & Sisters, doubt not the goodness of God, for the soul that doubts will be cast off.

The Spirit of unbelief was reproved, & we were exhorted to shake Shake said Mother for the angels in heaven are shaking. Mother says will you give up your hard feelings against Each other, for if you do not you will be lost.

Many blessings were bestowd, which were represented as flowing over the peopel, & by obedience they were ~~pr~~as & could secure them Some time was now taken in blessing one an other, The Second Family & Young Order, Elder Archabald came with love from God & Holy Mother which we gathered off the floor, Many Testimonies in relation to the goodness of God, & the love of Mother felt,

Father William exhorted all to pray for the Spirit of prayer & supplication, & desired we would turn round three times, & say lord grant me me this Spirit, many baskets of fruit, Fruits of the Spirit were distributed, which was peace & joy, & we were told to gather plenty, for the day was at hand when tribulation would role on, & deep & heavy sufferings awaited the zion of God, in this place, But now was the time to rejoice for the Glory of God filled the House & all might ask for what they most needed, they might be free to speak their faith and feeling, & those who were Inspired must also be free to speak what ever was given to them.

It was testified that the zion of God was like a ~~great~~ Spreading Tree whose branches spread far & wide, Thus should zion Flourish & grow, For said the Spirit ye have been taught how to pray & what to pray for & not let all be free to excercise whatever gift the may feel, Mother then clothed all in a garmen of watchfulness, & Good Angels attended to help us to pray aright, & also to help us to live in strict obedience to our visible lead.

Holy Mother Wisdom sent us a little Book of Lessons, which would be of use to strengthen all who desired to walk in obedience, & keep the order of God,

The prophet Nathan spak again on the same subject of which he treated on last Sabath, & further stated that he saw a small Cloud arise in the west, & tho small at first, it increased untill it overspread the Horizo & finaly discharged its self over the Zion of God in this place, Therefore said he, remember when this takes place, you were told of it, & also remember that in low Humiliation shall you walk, Tribulation shall be your bread & Sorrow & sufferings shall be your drink in those days, But there shall be days of light & brightness, & also days of deep sufferings,

A, present of a Book was sent to the inspired Instruments containing Solomn

& weighty matter to be read in due time by themselves. Elder John then called on all over 12 & under 35 to come out & labor a song.

Brother Andrew Ministered a gift of freedom to them He wished them to be free in there exercise, to leap or speak or any thing that would make them simple, he said, the call of God to all the young, was to come low, & walk in true obedience to their lead, & they would be blessed. He gave his love to all, love that was refined by the cross,

This is but a Breif sceth of what passed in the meeting, It would be impossable to discribe the feelings of the people, the love & goodness of God that was manifest, which many felt to overflowing, together with outward displays of of the power of God which could not be disputed, & many testemonys of thanksgiven were heard from both Old & young, the meeting continued for nearly five hours, ——

December 28, 1845.

The Gift the people were called to labor in this day by the Ministry & Elders, was for a Spirit of thanksgiving & prayer. We were requested to kneel down, & pray to God for protection & strength to keep the way of God, & also for thankfulneſs for the Gospel, that a spirit of thanfulneſs would be an exceptable offering.

After laboring some we were told that the Angels were Showering down on the body the Spirit of thankfulneſs, that it was falling like showers on the people, & further that the Living Spirit of God was present, & spake thus, "If you will be given up in Spirit to do the will of God, you need not have to labor so hard to feel the givings of the Spirit, for it would flow freely to all who are given up.

Father William & Father Joseph being present desired the people to labor for confidence in each other, for in that they were lacking, they might labor for song in that gift & when through, they gave us the love & bleſsing of God, & also of the Holy Saviour & bleſsed Mother Ann.

James & Jain Wardley, & some of their followers came in & desired to inform us how they had to keep the gospel in the begining, & what sufferings they had to pass through; They said, the sufferings they passed through to keep the measure of the gospel they then had was great, they had to hide & secrete themselves when they united in the worship of God, to shun their persecutors, But now what a change, We could leave our dwellings, & come up to worship God unmolested by the wicked, But they said what they then gained, felt like a great treasure to them now.

They said they had come at this time to unite with us in a spirit of Thanksgiving for the increase they found— We bowed four times & made them welcom, & returned Thanks to them as our forerunners.

Father William, together with many of the Ancients, had come to worship God, with us, & they desired all to be limber, to bow & bend as the willow, & be thankful, for said he, I feel thanful, yea thanful to James & Jain Wardley who kept the gospel for me, I have thanked them, & shall continue to thank them

Eldress Betsy desired all to kneel down & pray for the Youth, those of Father Josephs Class, that they might be able to find an increase, for said She, I have a great feeling for them, & now at this time James & Jain Braddly hath a blessing for them, to enable them ~~to~~ [illegible] them to take hold of the Increase

The young people came forward, & many of them spake there feelings, they manifested a thankful Spirit to those who had kept the Gospel for them, & promised to be faithful

Elder John spake some, & warned all against opening minds out of order, & desired that wherever that sin had been committed, it might be put away soon — & the meeting Closed —

Sabath Morning January 4th 46-

This norning in our Family meeting was communicated to us the word of our Heavenly Father, in relation to the evils that exists in this body, after stating the many blessings & gifts of heaven that had been bestoed on us, to which the angels bore witness, & the many promises we had made when in trouble, yet after all there were some who would murmer against God & his order, that some had tasted the sweets of lust, & had come up to worship him with their hands stained with lust, & a lie under their tounge to cover it, & think they are hid, ye have acted treacherously with me, saith God, ye have promised & have not fulfilled your promises, & now what shall I do with you, this will I do, I will bring torment upon you, if haply there is a little shame left, & ye will go to my anointed & purge your souls, for I will purge my zion, & let not the faithful be discouraged, for I have said it & I will accomplish it —

January 4th 46.

The meeting to day was commenced by laboring in the Step & Shuffling manner which hath not been introduced before for a long period, we then marched, & the meeting proceeded as usual, Strong evedences was felt of the presence of Holy Spirits, from the begining of the meeting. At length it was announced that that Father David & Mother Ruth was present, & had come with love & blessing, & requested us to gether, they appeared Chearful & pleasant, & wished to strengthen all to move forward into the increase

Our Blessed Saviour, & Mother Ann was also present & were ready to bless any or all who had come up prepared, & desired it, with the power of God, Mother expressed sorrow that any should come up there to worship God with Sin Covered, for they would not recieve the Saviours blessing, let none think they are hid, for they were seen, & would not escape the wrath of God, therefore she felt sorrow to see them.

A company of angels were seen in hurried consultation on entering the

sanctuary
^ they were consulting on what would be the
gift most likely for the people in this meeting
& it was concluded that all would recieve according to their state & situation, that if any had
presumed to come ~~up~~ here with sin covered
they must bear the consequence, for God would
deal out to all as their works should merit.

The prophet Isaih had a very sharp gift for
those who would presume to come there & present themselves before the lord with sin & abomination covered,
He shewed the fatal consequence of such a course and
warned against it — He said, Who is he that hath
hardned himself in this day, to dare to presume to
come up here with sin covered — Who is he, that hath
seen fit to come up here & attempt to worship God
with sin & abomination covered, Where is that person
that doth not know that whoever hath takein that
course has fallen off, & gone to distruction, & who
is he that will unite with evil, even that he
knows to be evil, & think to stand, do they not
know in this day of light that it is impossable
to stand, but they shall be cut off, & those
who will unite with Evil & corruption in others
shall fall, Yea two shall be taken in this

day of light, where in days that are past, one
would have answered, & behold ye that doubt and
dispute my word, Be ye patient, for ye shall see
every word of God fulfilled, Yea every word that
he hath spoken from the beginning, But if ye
will go on in your corruption, Go on, untill your
distruction Cometh, For this day is life & death
set before you, & ye may chose which ye will.
Yea ye shall chose, for a seperation shall come.

Thus He exhorted, & at length stated that a
sheet of fire was presented to us, & on this Sheet
was written in plain Language the state & con
dition of each one, this we might take & peruse
at our Leasure, for it was clear as the light.
This Sheet had been given to us on the day of
Penticost

A present of fire was given
by the prophet to burn up all evil, & we had the
privelage to swallow it, Father David desired that
we would kneel down in prayer to God, for a spirit
of conviction to rest on those who were so far
asleep that they could bring sin into meeting
This we did. Elder John gave some
counsel how we should conduct, That we should

not look for evil in others, but Examine closely our own state & goings, & know that all was right there, & keep the fear of God in all deeds He then received our love for Whitewater to which place he will start in the morning & the Meeting Closed

January. 11th. 46.

It having been concluded to fill the New House this coming week by the members of the center and the North, the ministration both visibil & invisibel, all tended to prepare the people for the change, that it might be met in peace & quietneſs.

The first ministration to day was from a band of Holy angels, from the land of peace, they came with a meſsage of peace for the Ancients, they had a large supply of careful love & resignation to minister to all the angel of mercy & forbearence came forward, with both the fruit & the leaves of the tree of mercy and forbearence, that had been planted in our dooryard. & also love, to give to all of Mothers Children, to enable them to meet, & greet each other with love & forbearence, & the Elders were exhorted to gether a large portion of the same, to deal out as occasion might require— For many would stand yet in need of love mercy & forbearence, &c

Elder John then requested the Sisters to help the Brethren to gain a gift, & they came over to our side of the house, & sang for the Brethren, At this time Elder Issacher gave fire to burn up all Evil, and the flesh, Father David asked who was willing to give up all hardness, all hard feelings, & let them go forever, them that was, let them say so,

One said, that the holy angels had shown me the Holy Chosen Spot, whereon stands the fountain of love, & had come with waters of love, they had come with a cup of those waters, for each one, together with fruit & leaves from ~~the~~ trees that stood around the fountain, This fountain was guarded by an innumerable Hosts of Angels that it could not be approched only in the gift of God, all were desired to partake of the leaves & eat of the fruit.

Others also saw the angels of love ministering to the people; Elder Sister desired the Brethren to help the Sisters to the Solom fear of God & while ministering it. Mother informed us that if we would kneel down & pray for the fear of God She would unite & pray with us, let each one pray for themselves, & She would pray for all —

Elder John said the Sisters had asked the Brethren to help them to he fear of God, & now he would request of them to help the Brethren to keep the Gift of God the coming week to which they agreed, Mother then desired one to say, that all who Owned her, must Own the Order She had set, for She would own none but such,

Elder John then gave knowledge that the move would take place the week coming, & likely it would bring on some trials, but he desired that there would be no disorderly openings of feelings but let all be careful to open their minds in Order where they might be helped, & there would likely be nothing but what could be got along with & be borne,

Elder Brother then exhorted us to keep what we had gained & all would be well with this confidence he closed the Meeting.

January 12. 1846.
This Evening the two families came together & were informed where they might move to, to what room in the New Hous & when to commence, &c

And here commences the trial to leave those buildings in which we have put over so many winters, & by the other side of the road was quite a serious matter but that is the gift, & therefore we well go at it chearfully. The most part felt well suited with the arrangement, yet all felt some excitement, & fears least they should not fare quite so well in their new abode as they had done in the Old seeing it was winter, But finaly went at it chearfully.

13th This morning the moving commenced of transferring over such things as could be got at without disturbing the families very materialy, & as the wether was fine, quite a large portion of Moveables Changed sides of the road by the time that night came, 14the This day the people moved over & took with them the most of their availables & was so far accomodated that we took supper there for the first time, we formed & moved in two abreast, & took our seats by a table that was suffecent accommodate 42 people, & while we were refreshing our weary bodies on such things as the good sisters had provided, the good ministry came in & blessed us with their presence.

Between 8 & 9 oclock we all gathered into the Meeting room, where we had our names all called over again, & found where we could stand in meeting without being in anothers road, when all found their places, an Anthem was sung prepared for the Occasion by some of the angelic host, The next move was to find a place for each to labor, which was done, & by forming two circles, we had room to march; a large body of saints & angels attended together with many of our Heavenly parents, & bestowed many & rich blessings upon us, the many precious promises that were given of the protection & blessing of God if we would improve our present priviledge aright, which was truly Cheering.

The Gifts of God flowed in great abundance, Mothers love was seen given without weight or measure, a tree was seen in the midst with beautiful shining leaves, & Mothers dove setting in the Top. & from thence she flew around to distribute Mothers love among the people.

Also, Cheering wine from Mother, handed round, which was very refreshing after a hard days work, Yea & a beautiful string of Jewels to hang around the Neck & heavenly blessings without Number to continue withe the faithful who would keep clean hands & a pure heart. But No peace to the soul who would dare to come into that place to worship a Holy God with sin covered, or any defilement not Confessed.

~~[illegible]~~ The meeting continued untill within a few minuts of 11 oclock, & many the love & goodness of God beyound what was common. We then retired to rest.

with thankful Hearts to our Heavenly parents for the blessings we had recieved both temporal & spiritual, for they were many

The people are laboring to find an increase in the line of Order, as our conveniences increase more order is called for, & the people in general feel willing to comply in all matters as far as they have been made known as yet, so that the prospect is fair of gaining it

The 15 & 16th were occupied in clearing out the old building & taking possession of them for Shops, which is one of not the least blessings, for the Mechanicks were very destitute of comfortable Shops, but now they are well accomodated, & are likely to be comfortable, But the buildings being left without Inhabitants, it was thought that they would be two much exposed without some attention, & therefore

a regular watch hath been established
to protect the property, it commenced
on the night of the 16th of January
1846., & will be continued

January 18th 1846.

A further degree of Order was given to day, the people were given a place to stand in Church meeting & instructed how to fill up vacancies much to the satisfaction of all.—

After laboring some, the Brethren felt a gift to thank & bless the good Ministry & Elders for the burden and labor they had taken to accomodate & fix all of us ~~so~~ well, & regulate us, so that we could know where we could be, & not be in anothers way.—

The Good Angels surrounded them also & added their Strength love & blessing, & gave to the good Ministry a beautiful Chain of protection to

Incircle all Mothers Children & bind them together in love

[illegible] The people then Halled & blessed all the Deacons & care taker, & thanked them for their labors of love, & their faithfulness, Elder John then proposed that the Brethren should sing for the sisters as they had been kind to help the Brethren, we then sung & the Sisters labored, & manifested much thankfulness for the love of Mother which was flowing freely, they said they loved to feel the power of God.

Elder John then went down to west side of the House, & made war against Lust & flesh, & called on all the Brethren & Sisters to help him to shake & the fire began to burne to some purpose, Father William being present incouraged the Ministry & Elders to blow up the fire, & purge out that Spirit of carnality & lust which was lurking round, & would overrun all order unless it was brought into the fire

& consumed, He said that a spirit also existed, that wanted to bear rules & wa determined to have its own way & carry the point, this must be put down.

Mothers love was freely bestow to strengthen all in the hour of tribulation & trials, For all these blessings we bowed four times & the meeting Closed—

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At this meeting, after some further Organization, in relation to the Order & worship of God, We were informed of a Band of Holy Angels who had come with a gift of uncompromizing resolution, to bestow on all Mothers Children, to enable them to stand firm against the powers of Evil, & all the Effects of the fall, They stated, that a Celestial fire had been kindled in the holy Sanctuary to burn up all that stood in the way or in any ways hindred the soul from gaining the gifts of God, This fire would burn & consume all bondage, & set the soul at liberty to searve God & obey his gospel, It had been conveyed here by this band of holy Angels at whose head were Elder Issachar & the prophet Isaih, This was confirmed by the testemony of others, who had beheld the same,

Elder John, exhorted to thankfulneſs, for the privelage we injoyed, in this day, when we could meet together to worship God unmolested, It was not the case in the morning of this day, when the Gospel was first opened by Blessed Mother Ann for then when they assembled to worship God, the wicked would gather round, & break in the windows, at one time, almost a full cart load of stones were piked up in the room where they had assembled & all the windows broken in, yet none were hurt, all this done by a wicked Mob who were laboring to distroy the work of God, When he thought of those things, he felt a spirit of gratitude to God spring up in his soul for the comforts & blessings we injoyed, & he thought none could help feeling a thankful spirit, if they would but consider the matter, therefore he exhorted to thankfulness, for the goodness of God, that was extended to us,

The Holy Saviour then came forward, & presented each one with the privilage of taking on his yoak, He said that to the chearful & reconciled soul, it was an easy yoak, & it would prove so to all who would chearfully recieve it, & take it on, He requested that we should bow & bow times, & at the last time we should hold our necks in a position to recieve the yoak which was done, The recording Angel being present, stated, that he had come to enter on his record, every one who chearfully would take on the yoak, & would say from the heart, not my will — But thine be done O God, all such souls should be entered on his record, & they should be blessed with strength & power, & the gifts of God — but let none presume to do so, unless they could say, Not my will, but thine be done —

The Holy saviour exhorted all to come down, & walk in low humility, & the consuming fire of God would burn up all that stood in opposition to his will, for Behold said he it is a consuming fire, it will consume & distroy the evil. & all should know that his yoak was easy & his burden light, We then kneeled down in prayer to God, for his notice & protection, That god in mercy would extend his arms of protection over his people, &

over his zion, that he would remember the
City he had Chosen, and grant that no
weapon formed against it should pros
per, &c Some one spake of Blessed Mother
Sufferings, & Elder John answered, yea her
sufferings were greate, at one time she
was beat with a stick over the face un:
till the stick was all splintered, But
she was soon healed, at this time one
cried out O I see my Mother, my eyes
behold the power of my Mother, yea she
has come, with various kinds of weapons to
to cut away all bondage & death, & says
O my children I intreat you to put away
all hardness against each other, O put it
away, & then you shall feel my love &
blessing, O my Children, do not let your
minds be carried off, & bound by the things
of time, for this is not your abiding plac
you are traveling to another contry,
Shake loose from the things of time, & labor
for that, that is Eternal & will indure,
keep peace among your selves, & labor for
a spirit of kindness—speak kind to each

other, & then you shall feel your Mothers love & bleſsing, yea then you will be able to kneel before your beloved Elders & receive from them what ever they may have for you, Mother says she has sent her dove to feed you on love at this time.

We then had a solemn call given by the Holy angel, to be prepared to meet our god, for so every soul should be met by him in good Earnest Sound your trumpets & bow low in Humiliation, yea bow, low low low

A large company of Holy angels entered the sanctuary in a peculiar way, they had come loaded with rich bleſsings for the young, all those who were willing to labor for a spirit of thankfulneſs, they were called forward & labored some & had much good counsel given them how to be good & shun the evil,

The Holy Saviour then spake & desired the rising generation would labor to move forward & not backward, to feel & realize the privelage that they injoyed

& labor—to be thankful for it, to remember that there were thousands who were as good by Nature as they, who were destitute of the common comforts of life, that were now suffering for temporal food, & could not get enough to supply their wants, while those here had plenty,—How thankful they ought to be, He desired them to feel stirred up to more carefulness & zeal, to loose no time but improve it all in doing good some way or other, to be imployed in some useful hand labor, all times when they were not at their daily calling, He said they should feel so much Intrest for the upbuilding of the work of God, that they could not pass by & see a Gate open or a fence down, & not shut it or any beasts where they had not ought to be, & not try to turn them out if they could, & if they could not, they should not feel released untill they had told some one, whose place it was to see to it, for their privelege was great, surrounded by those who had kept the gospel from the begining, therefore they should feel zealous to do all the good they could, Yea said the Saviour, you should remember that there are thousands that never heard the Gospel, who would be thankful in their souls for the privelage you injoy, and would obey it from the heart — They should yet have a privelage to hear the gospel & they would obey it, But this was the day for those that were now gathered, & he desired they would improve it, & be thankful for the gospel, to let their hearts glow with Gratitude to God for the Gospel of Salvation & to be zealous & faithful to improve their time & fill it up in doing some good, —

Elder John confirmed all that was said by the Holy Saviour, & desired it would be strictly attended by all, He said it was disorderly, & also a bad sign to have beasts in the door yard, or supposed to be in atall, Therefore he hoped all would to feel so much Interest in the upbuilding of the Gospel, as to shut the Gates & put up fences, &c or give the necessary Information that it might be done, if they could not

& also to devote our time to doing good, he did not wish any to be oppreſs but all should be zealous with their han at something that would help along, he believed there would be a bleſsing in it & desired it might not be forgot

These things were assented to by a number, & the meeting closed

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This evening we were visited by Mother Lucy & a large number of Holy Angels, who had collected on all sides of the people, & were throwing up breastworks to protect us from harm, we were told by Mother in plain terms that our protection would depend on our keeping the Order of God, & walking in strict obedience to the counsel we recieved. The love of Mother was given from a robe or rapper that was presented to Brother Lewis, It was Sufficien to cover all, & was bountifully ministered other ways

The seed of peace was sown, & we was desired to let it grow among us: these were some of the invisible ministrations, they seemed to be given to support what the Elder Brother had stated in the begining of the meeting, He had exhorted all to bear in mind that many

Eyes were upon us, to see how we would come out, so many had gotten together into one family as many as would constitute a whole society, & it stood us in hand to be daily on our guard, & watch, least the Enemy got in. He desired those who had care in rooms, or was considered the Elders would often remind the Brethren to keep the fear of God.

Elder John read a communication from Father Joseph to all of his class in this family, desiring them to keep the fear of God, & not be boisterous while at their work, But that each one would take time in the forenoon & in the afternoon and retire some where & kneel down in prayer to God. for his protection & mercy, that the arm of protection might be extended over them. &c

AMUSEMENTS.

Andrew Mack as "The Bold Soger Boy" Pleased Large Audience at Parsons's.

Another echo from the late war with Spain is the new military comedy-drama, "The Bold Soger Boy," with Andrew Mack in the title role. It is only indirectly associated with the Philippines and Cuba, and there is no shooting. The handsome uniform of the United States regulars is in evidence throughout, giving the star and his associates a fine opportunity to look swagger during the three acts in which they appear as officers stationed at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island. The play was seen at Parsons's, Friday night, by an audience that nearly filled the theater. "The Bold Soger Boy" is by Theodore Burt Sayre, the writer of Mr. Mack's former play, "Tom Moore," and was modeled to fit the Irish comedian. While it moves easily and pleases the audience, there are many defects in the construction. Mr. Mack sacrifices art for a laugh, and side remarks to the audience with winks of the eye, have become a part of his stock in trade. He undoubtedly demands a good sprinkling of side laughs in his lines, so perhaps the blame for this defect does not rest with the author. There is a deep plot—a double plot. A bad captain schemes to win the daughter of a brother captain by blackening the name of "the bold soger boy," and there is also a representative of a foreign government plotting to steal the plans of an improved gun. Marked playing cards figure in the schemes of the villains. A woman's honor is also questioned. The end comes very quickly, however, everything is righted in a jiffy and the curtain falls on a pretty picture in which Cupid is the central figure. During the action there are a number of suggestive remarks that should be left out. Mr. Mack has a congenial role in "Lieutenant Gerald Adair" of the United States regulars. He is a clever comedian and has plenty of opportunity in the lines to display his talents, the witty retorts being mixed with touches of pathos, the sunshine and cloud being as fitful as on an April afternoon. Mr. Mack won a name as a sweet singer of Irish ballads several years ago, but it will not remain with him if last night's exhibition is a sample of his present qualities. He had four songs and they were given in only ordinary voice and with little expression. Mr. Mack's leading lady, Miss

EQUAL RIGHTS MEETING.

Topics Considered at the Meeting of the Hartford Club.

At yesterday's meeting of the Equal Rights club attention was called to the recent appointment of five women immigrant inspectors to board incoming ships to interview immigrant women and prevent, if possible, the organized work of vice to lure these women to houses of ill fame. The W. C. T. U. sent a Washington woman to President Roosevelt, and she gave him information that led to the appointment of these inspectors.

The following letter from the Vedanta society of New York was read:

Dear Madame: I have been requested by the Vedanta society to thank you for THE HARTFORD DAILY TIMES [containing account of the discussion on the "Motherhood of God."] The Swami Abhedananda was much pleased with your intelligent and sympathetic exposition of the Hindu conception of the Motherhood of God. These lofty oriental ideas are so often misunderstood and misconstrued by western thinkers and readers that it is especially gratifying to find here and there an impartial mind capable of presenting them in a fair light.

Assuring you of our deep appreciation of your efforts in this direction, I beg you to believe me,

Very truly yours,

V. F. GLENN,
Chairman Publishing Committee.

The subject for discussion of the day, "What Has Woman Done for the Century?" was then taken up. Mrs. Bacon gave a running sketch of some of the advances that have been made during the last century which women have brought about. They have done much in the matter of education for women. One hundred years ago women were not thought capable of being educated as men are. Mrs. Emma Willard of the Troy Female seminary at one time thought women were not capable of learning Latin and Greek, but she changed her mind entirely on this. She was the progenitor of the normal school for teachers. At the beginning of the century woman had no property rights whatever. She had no rights over her own wages, nor over her own children. Now all this is changed in many of the states. Women could not own their own clothes. Now among English-speaking people, 1,125,000 women have full suffrage.

The subject for discussion at the next meeting is school suffrage.

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Song

How lovely are my surroundings
Not on natures groveling plane
Do I perceive peace abounding
That in my sweet home does reign

Love's the banner waving o'er it
We'll raise it higher higher still
That the nations may behold it
And gather to this holy hill.

Anna White Mt Lebanon.

When thro' the rough tide of affliction I wade
The voice of my Mother I hear
Saying fear not beloved O be not dismayed
For I will ever be near
Yea I will be with you my hand shall uphold
When dangers around you entwine
Press on and be valient for treasures untold
In heavenly worlds shall be thine.

Alden Lyman

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